My Father's Log
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The Property of

Joseph B. Hersey.

1851.

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Shylock.

My father, Joseph Odell Bogart Hersey, was born in New York City Nov. 25, 1820
the son of Henry Johnson Hersey and Sophia Appleton (Foss) Littlewood (a widow)
b in Kingham, Mass. m: Dec. 23, 1814
April 15, 1775 she died in N.Y. city
(removed to New York) July 16, 1864

He married Mary Knowles Dyer, daughter of Henry Dyer and Sally Mayo,
Oct 29, 1843 at Provincetown, Mass.

children:

I Hannah Parker (1849-50)
II Mary Amanda Dyer (1852-
III George Henry Millbank (1854-
IV Naomi Cook (1857-62)
V ("Josie") Joseph Odell Bogart (1860-61)
VI Henry Johnson (1863-1928.

Dec. 15 to Mrt.

Sketch of the Shylock's third voyage a whaling J.B. Hersey, master.

Wednesday the 30th of April 1851.

At 8. O'clock A.M. got under weigh in Provincetown Harbor with a light breeze from S.W. & excellent weath-er. at 9 O-clock sent the boat alongside the Packet President Washington in order to get a man as we were one short of full complement, returned bringing a poor friendless boy named Henry Kelley who we took on board. Then went on board of Capt. Dyer in the Rio Grand for a pair of pants which he brought out to me - also went alongside of a fish boat and purchased some Haddock for a Chowder - At. 1 O'clock p.m. passed the Race point - towards eve - weather began to thicken up & wind hauled to S. Easterly continued beating down the shore ~~At~~ 7. O-clock P.M. High Land light on Cape Cod bore by Compass N.W. by N. 10 miles distant

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thus the weather closes thick & raining

Thursday the 1st of May

At 2. O'Clock A.M.
wind increased to quite a little Gale from
S.E. and raining kept off and run back
at 7. O'Clock made the High land light
weather being foggy with all - at 1/2
past 10. A.M. went in the Harbor, at this
time the weather began to clear up and
with a light breeze from W.S.W. went on
shore entered the Young man Henry Kelly
on our Shipping papers, procured him some
out fits, took dinner with our friends,
got several articles and at 1/2 past 1 P.M
was underweigh again wind very mod-
erate. At 4. O.Clock P.M. anchored
in the Herring Cove wind Easterly
and raining, at 7. do wind S.S.W and
weather clear. hove up anchor and run
down below the Rase and anchored in
6 fathoms water near Peaked hill bars,
three other vessel being already there
At 20' of 11. O.Clock P.M. wind came

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in to the Westward blowing fresh -
got underweigh, and at 12 o'clock was
a brest of the High Land Light.

Friday the 2d.

Clear weather and running
S.S.E. with a fine Westerly breeze
at 4 O. clock A.M. Chatham Lights
bore W. dist. 12 miles. At 8. O-clock
A.M. took an observation Latitude
& Longitude being
Saw several sail of vessels bound S.
At 2. P.M. Spoke the Brig Tileston.
Gifford, of Nantucket. homeward bound
8 ms out one whale
Lat. & Long. @ 4. O'clock
P.M. 40.44 N. 68.34 W.



We Spoke the Tileston last voyage, when
he was homeward bound. 14 mths. out
and only 30 bls — This day ends with
light breezes from W.N.W. and clear
weather

Saturday May the 8th 1847.

Commences with beautiful weather and light winds from N.N.W. imbent the Chains and stowed them below. Saw porpoises & Gram fishes — At 6. P.M. altered the Course to S— Saw a Ships steering S.W. All hands in three respective watches engaged in Fitting boats and the necessary Ships duties —

This morning at breakfast feeling somewhat dainty broached an home cake Lat. & Long 1/2 past 3. P.M. 38. 32 N 67. 41' W. which position according to my Chart would place us in the S— edge of the Gulf Stream still the weather continues beautiful with a very light westerly wind.

Saw some small Black fish.

Towards Sun set Calm loosed our boats to exercise the crew, and in consideration of it being the first time they had been in their respective boats they done very well. At P.M.

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a breeze springing up from S. Easterly.

Sabbath the 4th 

Begins with fine weather and at intervals fresh baffling breezes from E.S.E. to S.S.E. saw Black fish At 9. O clock A.M. reefed the topsail. at 11. O-clock tack and stood to E.S.E. Lat. & Long. at noon 37.22 N. 67.10 W. Wind increasing & rough sea on. Hot floors of wind and temper-ature of the water warm. And from my senses should judge we were in the Gulf Stream. though we are to the S. of it by Chart At 2. P.M. double reefed the mainsail furled the flying jib, at 6. P.M a large ship passed across our stern steering E by N. at 7. took in the topsail. And before morning blowing fresh with very rough sea - under double reef foresail, main sail do. and jib. thus ends the day.

Monday May the 5. 1851.

Commenses with rather clearer weather though still blowing fresh from S.W. with rough sea on. several of the men as usual quite sea sick. and I should guess sick of the sea.

Latitude & Longitude @ 4. p.m. 36°22'N. 64.05 W. from the eastern we have made the past 24 hours since we have been in the Gulf Stream

Several Home Cakes have been consumed this day



Tuesday the 6th

Squally weather and blowing fresh from S.S.W at 8 O-clock A.M. a small Sperm whale come up close alongside the vessel heading to the N.W. made preparations to lower two boats. set close reef topsails tacked and stood for the Whales there being ~~two~~ small ones in sight Whales went down & it being so

rough we did not get sight of them again. Latitude & Long. 36.00 N. 62.00 West. Saw a hermaphrodite brig bound to the eastward at 6. O'Clock P. M. tacked ship and hove to under jib, reefed foresail and trysail — heading W — thus ends this day.

Wednesday the 7th

Commences with Cloudy weather and blowing a Gale from the S.S.E. lying to under reef foresail & jib, and very rough sea. No observation to depend upon Lat that we got being 36.21. Long about 62.35 W. at 4. O'Clock took the Starboard boat in on deck at 1/2 past 4 P. M. raining very heavy and wind starting to the Westward wore ship and stood to the E.S.E. Had rather an unpleasant task in removing the numerous articles from the Locker at the head of my berth as they were very likely to get wet in consequence of a Leak in the Rudder Case

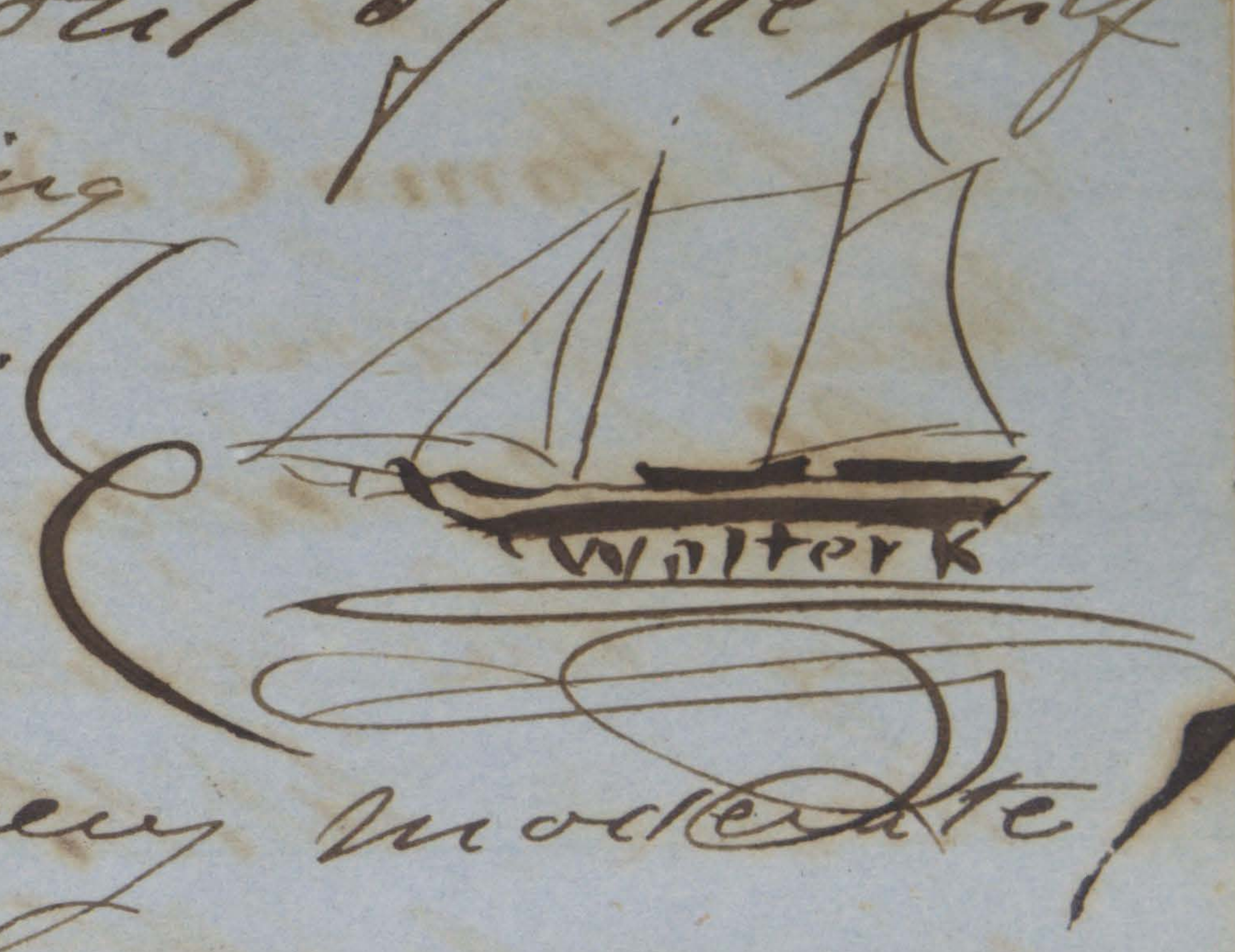
Thursday the 8 of May). Begins with some rain and wind from the N.E. and Continues Squally. This began our regular look out at the Mast head. Saw a fin back. at 4. P.M. experienced some copious showers of rain. A very large Water Spout passed about one half miles at Stern and we had nor desire for any more in-timate acquaintance with it. About this time quite Squally took in all sail save jib & foresail — wind hauled to the N.W. run off S- Lat & Long. 36° 36' N. 61° 32' W. Set the Starboard Boat on the cranes- At Sun set blowing fresh from Westward run off S.E. under easy sail all night. with very rough sea

Friday the 9th.

Pretty good weather with a heavy swell and light winds from N.W. we continuing to run to the S.E. Saw fin backs & porpoises — This afternoon composed a few verses titled My Child.

At 1/2 past 1. P.M. Spoke the Schr. Walter K. Tillson. 12 days from P— stated he had very bad weather ever since he left home, and had but got out of the Gulf Stream yesterday morning

Lat. & Long. at 1/2 past 3 p.m. 35°44 N. 59° 47' 30" West.



The remainder of this very moderate!

Saturday the 10th.

Beautiful weather and light breezes from S.W. in company with the Walter K. also a bark off our lee quarter. Improving this day in the various duties of our voyage. Lat. & Long. at 1/2 past 3 p.m. 34°58 N 58°48 W.

Sunday the 11 of May. 1851.



Commenced with a fine Westerly wind and good weather. At 8 Am the ship overcast and raining. The Walter K. in sight from deck, not having beat us so much as I expected — we have been sailing in company the last three days and still in sight of each other from deck — This morning saw a Brig & Merchantman bound to S. S. E.

This morning at breakfast cut my last Homo Cake, which, like the celebrated wine from the last to be the best. Should esteem it a great blessing to have the privilege of this Sabbath at home. With pleasure do I look forward to this time (Providence willing) when I shall cease following the Sea for a Livelyhood —

Lat. & Long. at 4. P.M. 33° 47' N 26° 32' W

About this time wind W.W. we running S.E. and gaining on the Walter K.

Saw some Hook fin Blackfish

Monday the 12.

Pretty good weather and a whole sail breeze from the W.W. running of S.E. till noon when we run E.S.E. saw some small quantities of Gulf weed, do not like the looks of the water it being too clear and Clean. Saw a Bark steering to the E. Lat & Long. @ 12 past P.M.
32° 28' N. 54° 11' W.

Tuesday the 13th.

Weather some what squally wind N.E. with light showers Lat. & Long at noon 32° 00' N. 52° 37' W. Laying on what is termed excellent Whale ground. Saw a bark steering to the West. In the afternoon under jib & foresail. Took

Wednesday the 14th. Full Moon.

Fine weather and wholesail breeze from N.E. in morning wore ship made sail and stood to S.E. at 8. A.M. exchanged Colors with a French Bark. Saw another vessel Lat. & Long. 12 past 8. P.M. 31° 22' N. 51° 32' W. being on good Whale ground.

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Thursday May 15. 1851.

Begins with Lovely
weather accompanied with Pleasant
breezes from N.E. we Standing to the S.E.
Saw Considerable Gulf in the morning -
Saw Gran Grass, and Beaches like Albicores
Lat. & Long. 3. P.M. 30.58 N 5° 11' W -
At 1/2 past 4. P.M. Calm & Clear weather

Friday the 16. Excellent weather & Calm -
at 5. A.M. Saw large Shoals of Black fish
hook fins. Sharp fins & Porpoises -
Lower our boats and tried hard
to Capture a fish but they were a little
too Shy for us. Chased about two hours
Come on board and got breakfast &c -
Saw some Yellow Rocks, and Gulf weed.
Good indications, for the ground -
Latitude & Longitude 30°56' N
5° 18' W. at 4. P.M. it being so
Moderate we have not gone over 15'
since Morning - heading to the E.
Saw a Gran Grass -

Saturday the 17.

Fine weather and a pleasant cruising breeze from the S. with smooth sea- in fact as good a day for our business as heart could wish for — we running to the Eastward saw nothing till 3 P.M. when we saw a Fin back whale Lat. & Long. at 1/2 past 3 P.M. 31°05' N. & 50°34'30" W. being very near where we took a fifty bl. whale two years ago —

Sunday the 18.

Weather cloudy with squalls of wind and rain from the S.W. ward, we as usual on the Sabbath when on cruising ground under easy sail. Saw a brig steering to the E.N.E.

At 8. O. Clock in the A. M. held Religious Service on the quarter deck, all hands being present. Consisting of reading & explaining the Scriptures, in our hymn the way. praying singing, and distributing papers tracts &c. Lat. & Long. by D.R. at 3 P.M. 31°10' N. & 49 39 W. From 1. to 3 P.M.

Heavy showers of rain with thunder, after which weather good, light E. wind.

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Monday May the 19/51.

Most of this day beautiful weather and light baffling winds, with a proportion of Calm— Had a copious shower of rain about 6 O. clock P.M. Saw a Ship, and a magnificient Water Spout to Eastward of us. Also saw some small breaches like albicores, and Gulf weed— On excellent reputed Whale Ground— but no Whales

Lat & Long. 4 P.M 31°12' N. 49°57' W.

About sun set saw some Killers lowered our boats for them but did not get them

Tuesday 20.

Good weather and fine cruising breeze from W.N.W. to N.N.E. In the morning saw three Breaches in quick succession like a Grampus. Saw some Gulf weed & flying fish. Stood to the W till 3 P.M. when we tacked to E. Saw a shark

Lat. & Long. 4 P.M. 31.20 N. 50° 31 W

Wednesday the 28th



Most of this day beautiful weath-
ed with fine breeze from S—
In the morning saw a Bark a whal-
-man cruising about this vicinity—
At ½ past 4 P. M. saw breaches
& Spouts and Humps— about this
time came up a thick rain squall
and made preparations for lowering—
-as for whales— Lowered the two lar-
board boats and went in pursuit
in short time the whales came up
near by a head and we lowered the
starboard boat and give chase also.
Come on board in the S.B. and as
the squall had cleared up, found
the whales to be Hump Backs.
Called the other boats on board, took
in sail for the night &c ——
Lat. & Long 4. P.M. 31/18 N. 57° 36 W.

Thursday May 22d.



Most excellent weather with a fine
Cruising breeze from the north.
Saw some small breaches like Albicores
In company a merchantman a brig steering
to the E.N.E. At 4. saw another sail
nearly ahead. Lat. & Long do. 31° 36 N.
50° 38' W.

Friday the 23d.

Weather continues good
with light Northerly winds we standing
to the Eastward. Saw a few Albicores
and Birds.
Lat. & Long 4. p.m. 49° 58 W. 31° 40 N

Saturday the 24th

Weather good enough with
a light wind from the N. And Whales too
scarce. Lat. & Long. 4 p.m. 31 41 N.
49° 11' West of Greenwich Eng.
Saw a tropic Bird and Hagdel
Saw a Turttle about 9 am Lt lowered the L.B.
for him but he went down, and Mr. Free-
man, accidently tumbled overboard but

did not see anything of Lawtie, so he got in the boat again and we came on board & took in sail for the night.

Sunday the 25.

Excellent weather with a light breeze from N.W. we lying under jib, foresail and trysail heading to the northward At 8. O. clock in the A.M. held Religious Services upon the quarter deck all hands being present. In the discharge of my duties this morning I left that my Master was near and after lifting the Cross found a Crown beneath it.

This day by Mutual consent Geo. L. West began to act as Steward.

Lat and Long. @ 7. p.m. 18.9 18 W. 31° 5-3 N. at ½ past 7 p.m. nearly calm and raing quite hard thus ends the day.

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Monday the 24 of May. 1851.



Commences with
Stormy weather and a stiff breeze from
N.N.E. under double reef topsail jib & fore
-sail and trysail. in the A.M. saw a
bark to the leeward a whaleman —
Charles Price suffering severe pain from
from a species of Boil on the fleshy
part of the inside of his hand. opened
it. bathed it in Cold water — which offor
-ded some relief
In the afternoon saw a Steam Ships bound
to the Eastward — the wind moderating
weather better — made sail accordingly
Rough sea on.
Lat. by Long. 4. P.M. 31° 5-5' N. 48° 02' W.
Saw sharks fin Black fish towed
two Larboard boats but could not
get near enough to strike

Tuesday the 27th



Comfortable weather with a light breeze from the N.E. Saw a Bark to leeward a whaleman this day standing to the N—
At 2 P.M. saw down to the Bark and spoke her. Prove to be Elizabeth of Mattapoisett. Capten. 2 months out 2-5 Bls Bk. Oil. Capt. C. came on board us. Mr. Freeman went on board the C. both having a pleasant visit.
At 5 P.M. all on board their respective vessels — Lat. & Long. 5 P.M.
32° 07' N. 70° 03' W. the C. Long. being 69° 21' W —

Wednesday the 28th Weather good enough with a fine breeze from the North.
Saw Some Porpoises. In Company with the C. Running W.S.W. & E. Saw another Bark running down to us Came with the C in the P.M.
Lat & Long. at 4 P.M. 32 23 N. 69° 48' 30" W.
This night Run E.N.E under easy Sail

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Thursday the 29th of May 1851.

Good weather
with a fresh breeze from W.N.W.
Still running to the Eastward
Saw nothing worthy of note
Lat. & Long. by D. R. 33° 30' N. 47° 41' W.
Charles Hand rather better, & Robert quite
Sick severe pain in his head —
Still carrying sail all night with
hopes of finding Whales to the Eastward.
Ends with Squalls of rain

Friday the 30.

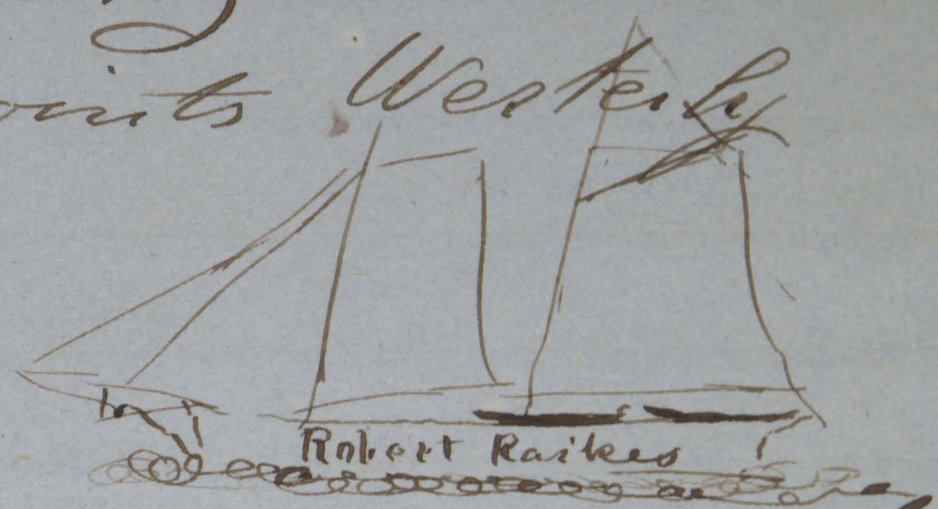
Squally weather and fresh
Westerly Wind. Some rain.
Saw Porpoises Shunks but lost Sight —
Still running to the Eastward —
Lat. & Long. at 4 P.M. 34° 11' N 45° 10' W
Charley's Hand getting better.
Roberts eyes Still painful
At 5 P.M. Steered the Trail at down
Set Weather better & wind moderating
and Starting to the Northward —

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Saturday the 31st

Beautiful and a light wind
from the N. saw Porpoises but unluckily
lost one of them which we struck
Also saw Squid Spawn in abundance
and a few Fallow deads.
At 2. O. Clock in the P. M. Cotton & Clear
Latitude and Longitude @ 4. P. M.
34° 46' N. 43° 56' West.
Our Sick Convalescent
Variation about 2 points Westerly

Sunday the 1st of June



Begins with good weather and a light
wind from the S. we under easy sail
At 8 O. clock in the A. M. Spoke and went
on board the Whale Schr. Robert Raikes of L. 12 days
out Clean. Was lucky in having letters from
Home. Capt. Swift board direct to the Islands
Had a pleasant visit of about 3 hours and
returned to our vessel. Lat. & Long. 35° 10' N
43. 46' W Raikes Long. being 28 miles
to the E of ours. And our Longitude
was about 40 miles West of the Elizabeths

which leads me to believe Our Chronometer
is Gaining about 6 seconds per diem. and
not as her given rates say 1" 7/10 per diem.
Thus by adding 4" second per diem since the
25 of April (the time I took it) will make
her total gain of 14" & Gaining 6" per diem.
At 10. Oclock A.M. Thick Rainy weather
with a fresh Southerly breeze —
under Foresail & jib heading E.

Monday the 2d of June 1851.

Blowing fresh
from the Southward and Raining.
under jib Foresail & Mainsail heading to
Eastward. Saw Some Porpoises
Lat. & Long. at 8. Oclock A.M. 36° 32' N. 42° 23' W.
Weather being bad kept look out off the
boats. John Burns and one of the watch
desk got to skylarking on deck. and as
it tends to draw the attention of the
look out. is contrary to the Rules of the
Ships. My Chief Mate often frequent admo-
nitions, ordered them both aloft. one
on the Foreyard and Burns on the

Crows nest. he went as far as the top
sail yard, and said he would not go any
farther for any live man, and as he
has been an old man o warsman
& Cape horn whaleman, probably thought
that he could frighten us little plum
pudding'ers. Mr. Freeman after him
he must go. or he would hoist him up.
— I then order him to the crows nest
And up he went like a lamp lighter.
probably thinking (and rightly too) that
it was best to obey orders. kept them
there till after dinner, and then told
them if they thought they could do as
as they were told to they might come
down. which they appeared very willing
to do. This day goes out blowing fresh
from the Southward. rough sea and
heavy rain —

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my Tuesday June 3./51 Commences with
better weather, and at daylight nearly
Calm. with rough sea on.
Saw Porpoises, & Spied Spawn.
at 8. O. Clock A.M. a breeze Springs up
from S.S.E. made sail and stood to
the Eastward. at intervals thick rainy
weather @ 5 P.M. Calm, with heavy
Swell. Lat. & Long. @ 8. O. clock A.M.
36° 38' N. 71° 04' West. Thus ends the day

Wednesday the 4. Weather better and Calm
till 1 P.M. when a light breeze Springs
up from the Westward. Very heavy
Swell running. Saw Squid Spawn
in abundance. Spied up a Stink
which had some Small fish arround
it. Lat. & Long. at 1 P.M. 36 30. N 70. 00 W.

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Thursday the 5.

Good weather & light breeze from the Westward. Swell running high. Saw some Gulf weed. Squid Spawn, Jellies and tide rips. Should like to see some Sperm Whales or Blackfish before night as we are nearly out of oil to Burn. We working to the eastward winds being so very light we make but small progress. Learned one of the boys how to furl the fore brace

Lat. & Long @ 4. P.M. 37° 08' N. 38° 39' W

About this time a fine breeze from the westward. In the evening saw few Birds and porpoises, furled the mainsail and flying jib — running E by S.

Variation 2 points Westerly

true Course E. by N.

Friday the 6. Begins with clear weather and a fresh S. W. wind. running E by compass Saw a few Birds. Lat & Long at 3. P. M. 37° 48' N. 35° 50' W. @ ½ past. 3. P. M. heavy showers of rain — Bearings & distance of the Island of Flores N E. by E. 262'. Course by Compass E. N. E.

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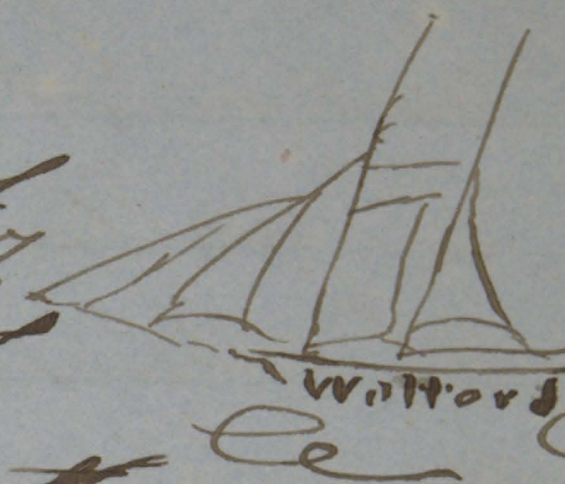
Saturday June the 7th 61 Blowing fresh from
the S.W. in the morning thicks and at
intervals rainy weather. Saw a Beach run
for it but could not make out.
In the afternoon Saw a Brig a Merchantman
running to E.N.E. Saw two large Sticks
of timber. with plenty of fish about
it being to rough did not lower to catch
a one. though we are pretty well fitted
for it as Mr. Dyer made a pair of Gaffes
yesterday. Lat. D Long. of V. Id. N. 38° 40' N.
32° 57' W. Bearings & distance of Flores
V. Id. N. NE & E½E. 98 miles.
Latitude of Flores 39° 26' North — 31° 07' West

Sunday the 8.

Continues blowing fresh
from S.W. and we running for Flores
under reefed topsail. jib. Foresail and
Trysail. At 8. O. clock in the A. M.
made Land right a head we
running E. took sights, and worked
observations by Chronometer and
found its Original Rates to be

mighter Current than I anticipated

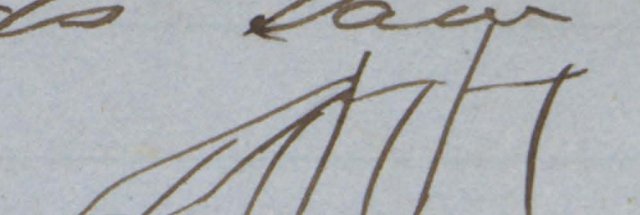
At noon close in under the lee of the Island and find it very smooth and Comfortable here, And the Walter Irvin. of P. Wilkinson 3. months out 15 bbls of oil which they took the 5th of April. East side of Terceira - saw whales last month the 6 - Lat. 38.00 N. Long 36°00W. missed a large one Capt. W. Came on board paid us an agreeable visit and returned before dark to his own vessel—



In the P.M. the land being in range of the Sun could not get sights to rate our Chronometer—

Monday the 7th

Rather thick smokey weather and fresh S.W. Winds saw two merchantmen bound E.



Cruising off the S.E. of Flores where most of the whales last year. Alas!! "twas last year". In the afternoon had a Regular Gam. In company with the Irvin and Raines. Saw Cow fish porpoises—

Tuesday the 10. of June Off East side of Flores-
In Company with the Walter Irvin, Capt. Atkins Nickerson
Robert Raikes Capt. John Swift. Belle Isle. Capt. Peleg
Nye. Blowing a Gale from the S.W. we under
jib (Minus bonnet) reefed foresail and trysail
and just make out to hold our own -
the Walter Irvin under double reef foresail
and trysail, and apparently making the most
comfortable work of it. At 8. Oclock took
Observations and should judge I had rated
the Chro. about 2' too much.

Chro- Rated. of Flores

Wednesday the 11th

Part of this day quite
good whale weather. Saw Porpoises &
fin backs. In the afternoon stood
close in to the South Side of the Island
and took sites found our Chronometer
to 3' 25" fast of Mean time of Gh-
and gaining 2" per day. Sent a boat
alongside of a fishing boat. in hopes
to get some fish, and to get them
bring us off some Vegetables But they
gave us to understand they would

neither sell or give us any, for fear of being put in prison. Mr. Freeman then came on board gave him some money and he took a picked crew and gave chase to the Portugues who pulled hastily, and very fast, but they was not a match for our whaler when they over took them our men tried to persuade them to let them have a mess— but it was of no avail— so they jump to their boat grabed ~~two~~ noble ones. laid an half a dollar in their boat, and left them appearantly much pleased with the trade. and the yankee trick served them. In the evening weather became much better, with a light Northerly wind numerous seahorses about us but we ~~seem~~ fated not to catch one, which we stand in need of very much as we almost out of oil for home consumption

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Remarks Continued while Cruising off
Off of Flores June the 12th 1851.
In the Schr. Shylock

Thursday **Recruiting**

Commences with fine weather and calm at 11. O'clock A. M. in sight of the Belle Isle. Walter Irvin. R. Raike and a brig. about this time a breeze sprung up from the S. S. W. and we made sail and run down to St. Cruz. Sent a boat to the shore to see if we could a few recruits without landing & paying port charges — At past 12. P. M. — returned in about 1½ hours. When I went on shore and before dark — had our recruits all on board, consisting of Cabbage. Eggs. Fowles. Potatoes & orranges Onions and a Dog — amounting to about $37.00 Leaving me in debt to Manuel Joking Lyboa about $20.00. including 50 lbs of tobacco which I tried to send him two years ago — In the evening nearly Calm Stood off shore —

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Friday the 13th.

Beautiful weather & a fine breeze from S.W. Full Moon
This morning the Walter Erwin went in to recruit. We cruising near the Land in hopes to catch something and was not disappointed as we hoisted a prise of pine timber, square about ten feet long and 16 inches square
saw some porpoises, squid spawn and tallow drops - In the evening gamed with the Raikes -

Saturday the 14. of June. Beautiful weather and light winds from S.W. the first part saw the W.E. & R.R. we standing to the Westward @ noon the Island bore by Compass E.N.E. 8 miles dist.
Saw numerous fin Backs, some of them would spout 11 times very regular. At sun set took in sail heading to the Southward. Have noticed in the water, squid spawn & tallow drops —

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Sabbath the 15th of June

Begins with beautiful weather & light S.W. winds. In the morning it being very pleasant held our usual Religious servises on the quarter deck all hands being present, we lying under easy sail about 20 miles to the Westward of the Island of Flores.
Saw some fin Back —
This day Composed some verses on the ~~death~~ memory of Julia W. Alden, my wifes Mothers sisters daughter, an amiable young wife.
Latter part of this day Calm.

Monday the 16.
Good weather & light E. wind. Saw a Brig. Fin Back. Porpoises & Albicores. We running N.W. at noon Flores bore E by N. 35 distant.
Sent down the topsail yard, bent Old topsail sent up the yard &c
At sun set hove to under fore sail only.
Lat. & Long. by sun Set Obs. 39 ~~3~~ 28 N. 32° 41 W.

((Rule for working Sun Sat. Obs))

Note the time by Chro. when the Suns lower limb touches the horizon. Then add together the Correct Lat. & Polar distance from the Sum Subtract 21'. Then add 27 to the half Sum for a remainder when proceed as usual in working time. except the Equation of time which must be reversed — When the upper limb is Observed use 5-3' in lieu of 21' as when working the lower limb.

Example for this evening Observation

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Sine 9 1197

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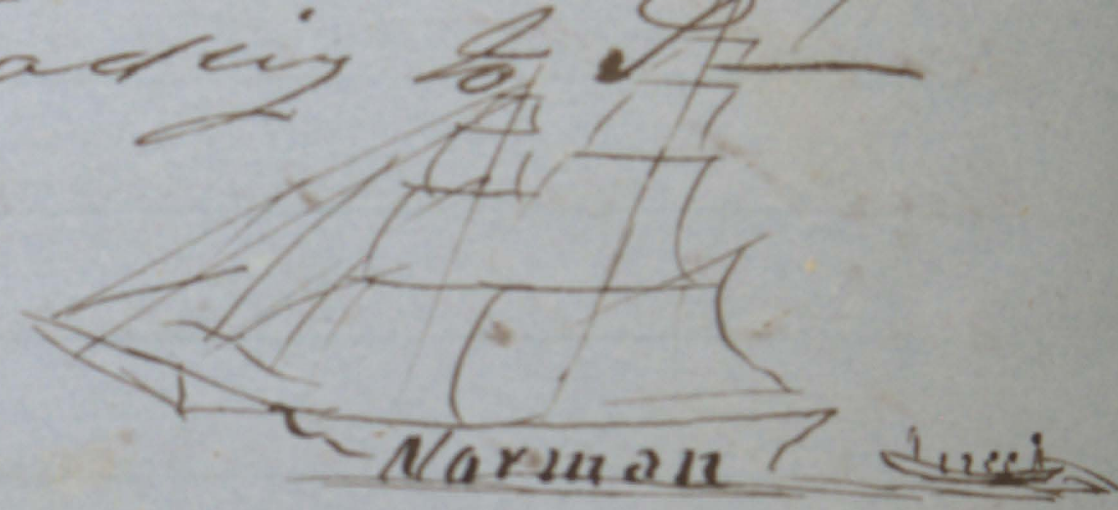
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32° 40' 15" W

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Tuesday the 17 of June. 1851.

Saw 6 sail of vessels

Beautiful weather and a pleasant Cruising breeze from the S.E. Saw 7 sail of Merchant men bound to the Eastward & one Bark a whaler Lat. & Long. @ 7. P.M. 37°04 N. 33° 37 W. In the reduced sail heading to S. Latter part Calm



Wednesday the 18.



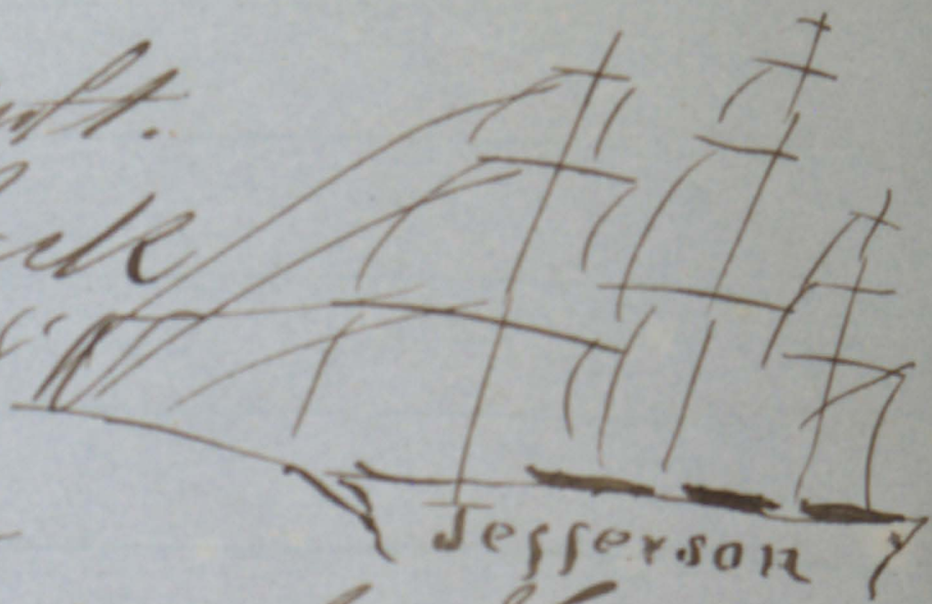
Excellent weather and Calm early in the Morning saw a brig with Studding sails set & as she was headed to the N.W. got letters all ready and sent a boat alongside in hopes to have a good opportunity to forward them Home but alas! was disappointed for she proved the Eng. Brig Norman from Pattigonia loaded with Guano bound to the North of Ireland. had been 108 days on the passage Boat returned with the letters.

Saw Sm Backes. Grampuses. Had
the good fortune to Capture a Sperm's
the oil of which we stood in need of
very much as we have been on a
short allowance for a week, the men
forward not having any light.
Latitude & Longitude @ 4. P.M.
39 02 N. 38 53' W. Latter part Calm.
In the Course of this day have seen 7 Sail.
of merchantmen



(Thursday) the 11. Commences with
fine weather and light breze from W.S.W.
@ 2 A.M. exchanged Longitude &
Colors with a Steam. Brig bound to
E showing a white & yellow flag with
with two keys and a Crown or Globe
in it
Saw Porpoises -
The brig Long being 28 26' W. ours 34 00 W.
Saw Black fishes this day Struck one
Harpoone thrown Lost him. Went on
board Ship Jefferson. Williams 11 days
from New London. Stopped a few minutes

Got papers as late as the 9th. ult.
in the afternoon saw fin Back
Lat. & Long. @ 4. P.M. 37. 28 N
34 06 W. Quite a stiff from
W.S.W. took in sail heading to the N.W.
Saw tide Rips



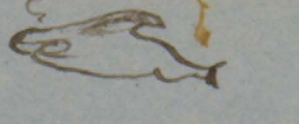
Friday June 20th.

Pretty good weather with fresh Whole sail breeze from S.W. Stood to the N.W. till 3 P.M. when we tacked to S. Lat. & Long. @ 4 P.M. 40° 06 N 34° 54 W. Saw no tide Rips — at Sun set Reduced sail heading to the S —



Saturday the 21.

Comfortable wind S.S.W to S.W. saw one vessel bound to the E. @ 3. P.M. saw Black fish got the boats ready to lower but did not see them afterwards saw numerous little brown sun galls — squid spawn &c — Lat. & Long. @ 4 P.M. 37. 40 N. 34° 55 W —

Sunday the 22d  Lively Ground.

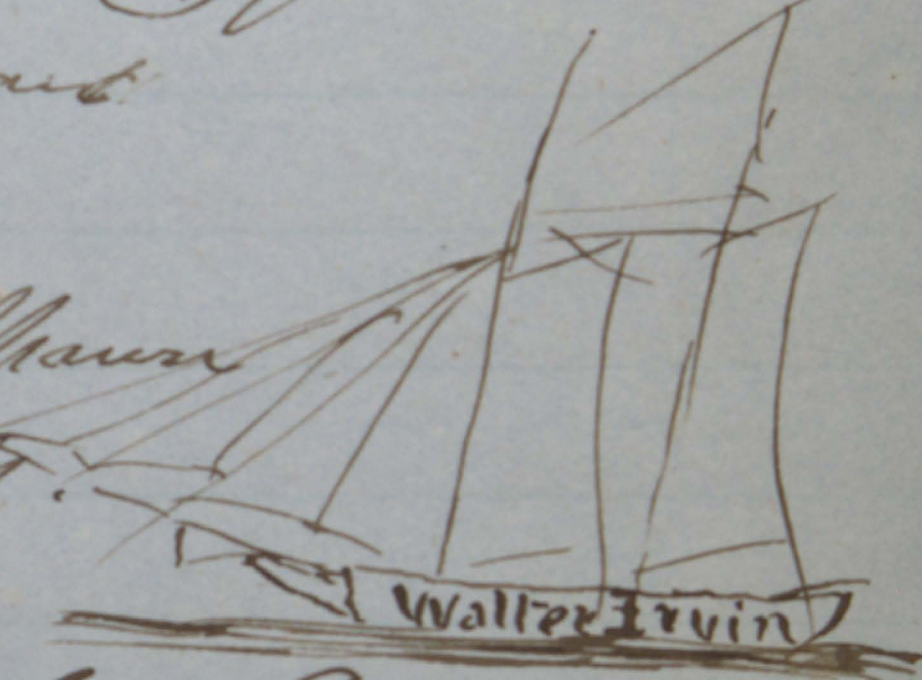
Commences with good weather & light S.W. winds
In the Morning @ 8. O-clock as usual on a pleasant Sabbath all hands assembled on the quarter deck for family worship. Middle part of this day Calm & squally. light showers of rain
Numerous fin backs playing about us.
At 3. O. Clock weather clearing up though still Calm.
Latitude & Longitude. 37.05 N. 35.37 W
This day began the second letter to my wife though as yet have not had an opportunity to forward the first
At 4 p.m. a breeze sprung up from the S stood to the W.S.W. Saw Black Fish. Albicores. Gallies. Sun Fish. Squid Spawn. And the appearance of the ground lively.

Monday June 23d 1851

Fine weather and Calm till 5. P. M.
when a light breeze sprung up from
N.E. Saw numerous Fin Backs
an galls. Squid Spaw. Bonitoes.
two Sharks & a turtle.
Lat. & Long. @ 4. P.M. 38° 51 N. 37. 31 W.

Tuesday the 24th

Good weather & quite a
cruising breeze from Westward
we standing to the S. Saw
Bonitoes. Albecores. Squid Spawn
Porpoises. Lat. & Long. @ 4. P.M.
38. 32 N. 35° 52' W @ 4. p.m. Spoke



and went on board the Walter Irvin
had not taken any oil since we left him
at Flores. informed us of several other
of our whalemen. though no news of
consequence. at ½ past 8. P.M. all on board
reduced sail heading to the N.W.
this day closes blowing fresh
from S.W. & squally—

Wednesday the 25.

Commences

Blowing half a gale from S.W. & squally weather — towards noon wind hauled to the N.W. and moderated with better weather picked up a good iron bound Cask, supposed some Merchantmans water cask. We under easy sail Standing to the Westward & rough sea. Lat. & Long. @ 4. P. M. 38.° 30' N 36.° 25' W. Acres of Albicores & Bemidoes around us

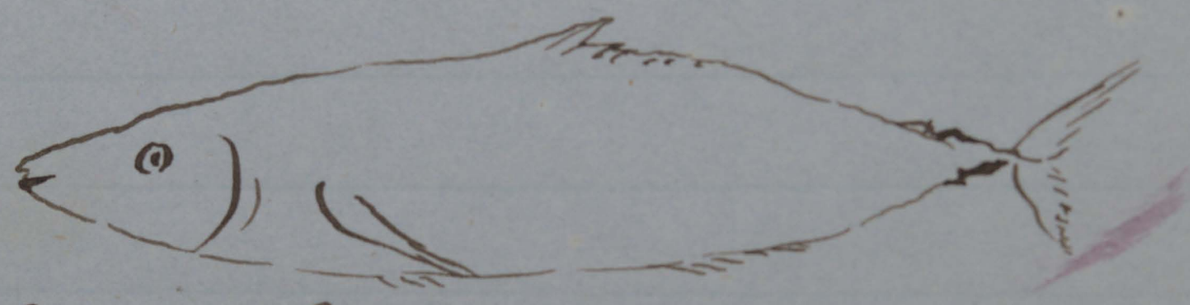
Thursday the 26.

Comfortable weather with light N. winds. Saw one bark Stand to the E. we Standing to the westward. Latitude and Longitude @ 4. O. Clock in the P. M. 38. 10' N. 37.° 35' West.

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Friday June 27.

Part of this morning
Squally weather and thick with a fresh
breeze from the Westward, and about
five hours of the day Comfortable
Whale weather. Caught two Albicors
and some Bonitoes



Latitude by Longitude by D. R.
37° 34' N 37° 30' W.

Saturday the 28. Plowing fresh from
N. W. Ocres of Bermudoes around us
saw one ship a Whaler bound E.
Lat. & Long. by D. R. 38° 5' West
36° 14' North

Sunday the 29.

Comfortable weather with light breezes from W. S. W. we standing to the S.
In the morning held our customary religious worships on the quarter deck all hands being invited by Inclination.
Latitude and Longitude at 4. P. M.
35 05 N. 39 00 W.
Saw one sail to windward
Bound to the S. E.

Monday the Last of June. 1857

Fill noon the weather continues quite good, with a fresh whole sail breeze from the S. W. we standing to the W. When the weather became equally with a half a gale from S. W. under jib foresail & trysail.
Lat. & Long. @ 4. P. M. 34 54 N. = 39° 34 W
Cutter Nat of this day Hoveing a Gale from the S. W.

Tuesday July the 1st
1851

Commences with squally weather and blowing a Gale from S.W. part of the time under fore sail & trysail. heavy rain — After weather rather better set jib and close reef topsails.
Latitude & Longitude @ 3. O-Clock in the P.M. 35° 35'N. 40° 37'W

Wednesday the 2d.
Commences blowing heavy & squally weather. wind S.W. roughest sea saw a Bark a Merchantman
Towards noon weather became better and at 4 P.M. excellent weather with fine breeze from W.S.W. all sail set heading up N.W.
Lat. & Long. do. 35° 55'N 41. 36'W

Thursday July the 3rd. 1851.

Good weather most of this day
saw three sail of Merchantmen.
Some Porpoises, tallow drops & some
Gulf weed. Should be very happy to
get a Whale tomorrow to celebrate
the anniversary of our Independence
Lat. & Long. @ 4. P.M. 42° 20' West.
35° 20' North. At 5 P.M. Struck & saved a
Porpoise



July the 4th 1851.

Commences with
beautiful weather and light winds
from the W.N.W. Every appearance
of Good Whale Ground. Having seen
several pieces of fresh bit Squid
this day I had the novel Satisfaction
of Capturing a Porpoise it being the
first One I ever Struck. Occasion
drops, and small white Porpoises
in the water. and just at dark
some breaches — Reduced Sail
as usual with the intention
of Cruising in this vicinity as long
as the prospect is Pleasing.
Began a letter to Sis Eunice..
Picked a large door belonging
to some vessel. Jan Dolphin-
In the Evening Bob. engaged
in Joining Staves. by Diagram all
hands with Raisens and Cigars.
Bought the Stewards Voyage for
$25,00 bills. misplaced —
Lat. and Long. 42°02'N 35°.30'W

Saturday July the 5th

Begins with beautiful and nearly calm saw Grampuses & Dolphins some Gulf weed and Tallow drops —
Latitude & Longitude @ 4 P.M.
42. 34 West. 35° 20' North.
This bent the old Mainsail & jib

Sunday the 6.

Excellent weather with N.E. wind and smooth sea.
At 8. A.M. held our usual religious service. This morning masthead-ed two of the foremast hands for thumping on the Sabbath, kept till after dinner. Lat. & Long. @ 4. P.M.
34. 50 N. 43° 11 W. being 25' north of where we saw Whales the 11 of Last July in Company with Schr. H. W. Williams

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List of Lat. & Long. where Sp-
Whales have been seen & taken -

Bark Barkley from July 1st to Aug. 20. (30° 00 N. 32° 00
1850. took 300 bls Sperm in between . . (78 00 W. 50° 00 W

Schr. Henry. Joseph. from July 3rd to Aug 7 1851
San Whales 6 times Lat from (33° 05' to 34° 12' N
Long. from (78° 41' to 78° 10' W

July 10. 51 Bark President. Soule. took a large whale 33° 00' N. Long 72° 00' W
Chanticleer. Cook took 8 bbl. whale Aug 4. 34. 00 N 74° 00

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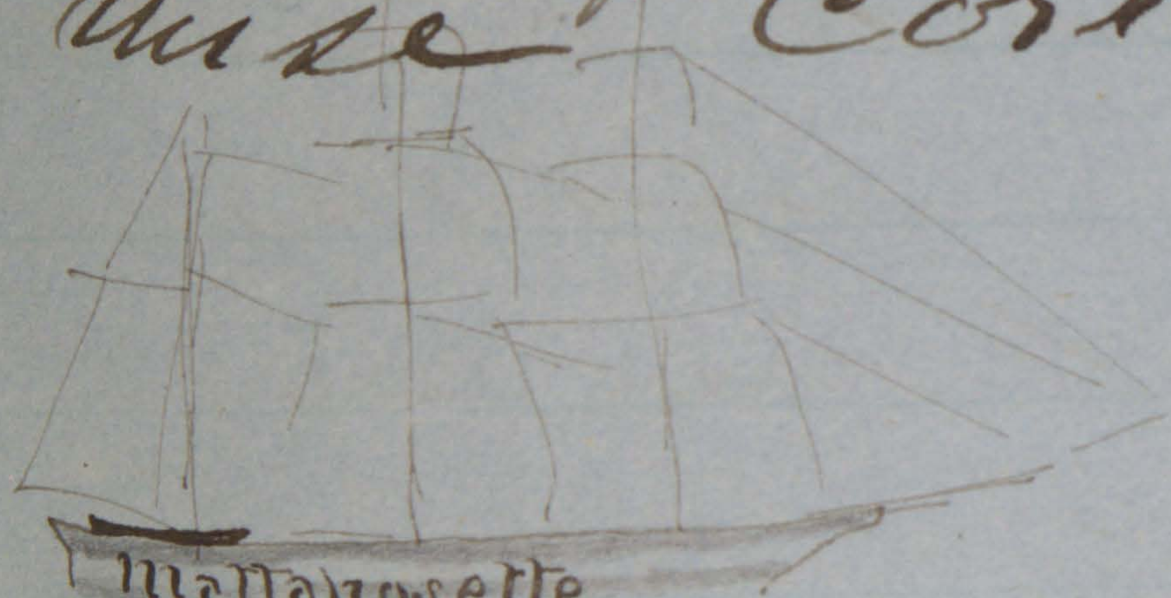
Monday July the 7. 1851.

Excellant weather with a fine breeze from the N— In the morning saw two whalemen one Bark the other a brig ahead— Mr. Freeman while going aloft with the Spy Glass, lost the small end over board with the glass in it, so we are at present under the great inconvenience, of not having a Spy Glass— In the evening nearly up the Bark When we reduced sail and then she did not. saw the Bark lower her boats, supposed by the manouvering for Black fish. but they did not take any. Lat. & Long at 8. A.M. 34 30 N. 48° 12' W. Lat & Long @ Sun set 34° 26' N. 44° 50' W having stood to the westward all day— with a fine breeze. Saw two other sail. porpoises. Grampuses & Gulf weed @ tide rips —

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Tuesday the 8.

Most beautiful weather with light Easterly winds Saw the other vessels which we saw yesterday, also Grampuses and several pieces of fresh bit Squid should judge we had a S.W. tide Latitude & Longitude @ 5 p.m. 34° 36' N. 46. 32 W. Ground looks well. all along this latitude should think Sperm whales would be here in the course of a month, or I cannot surmise correctly.







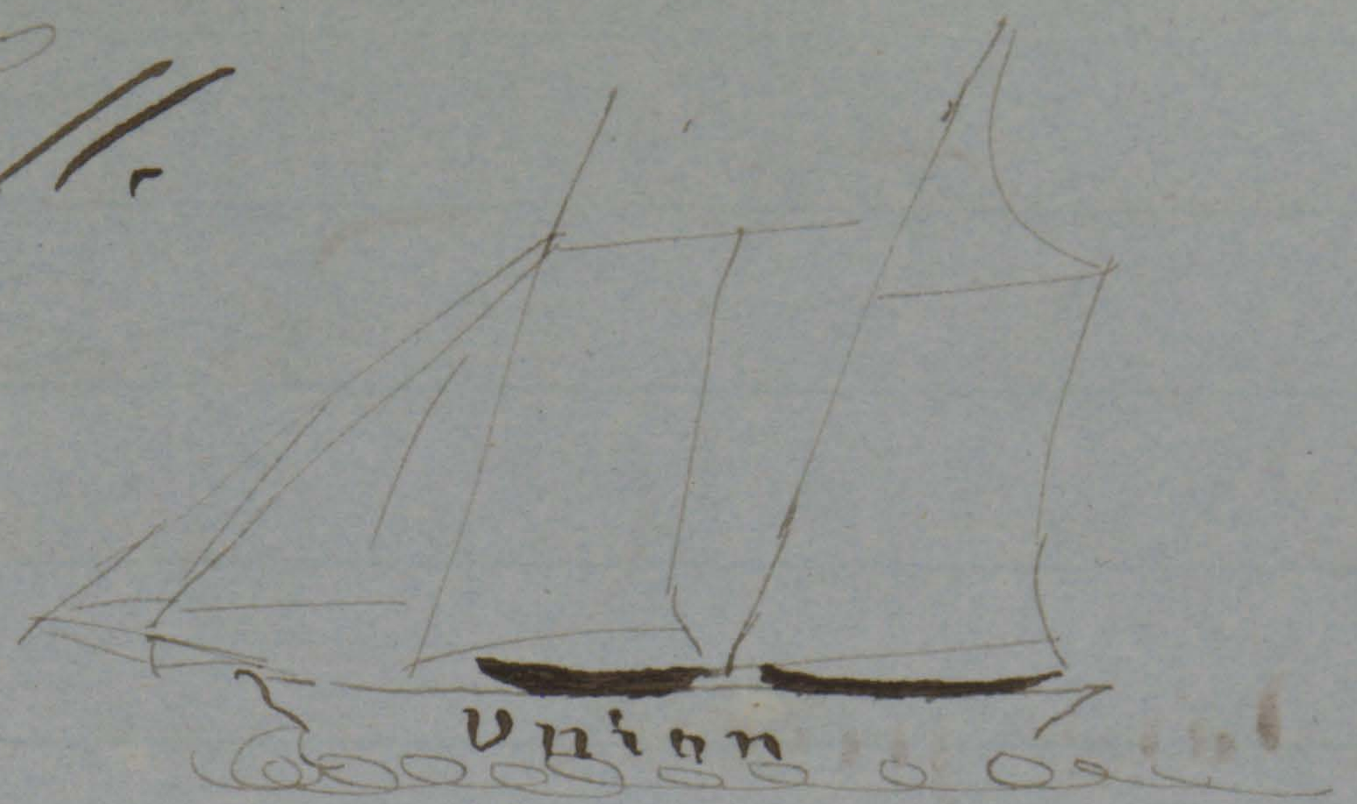
Wednesday the 9.

Weather continues fine with a light Easterly wind. @ 4 close to Bark Mattapoisette. Manchester, of West Port. 7 months out 120 bls. Sp. gave him five dollars for a Spy glass. pretty good one for the price. Saw Black fished Chased

in Company with his boats but none
of us were able to get near enough
to fasten. We Standing to the W.S.W.
Our Longitude agreeing nearly with the—
In the Afternoon Spoke a Hamburg
Bark from Bahia found to Elseneur
his Longitude varying about 2° East
of us. ours being. 47° 25' W. Lat. 33. 24 N.

Thursday July the 11. Good weather
& Calm till 8. A.M. Lowered the waist
boat and scrubbed the Clams and barnicles
of our vessel above the Copper —
About this time a light breeze sprung
up from N. West made sail by S—
Saw three the Same we saw yesterday
Saw Grampuses — Gulf Weed —
Lat. & Long @ 4. P.M. 33° 04 N. 48° 09 W

Friday the 11.



Weather continues excellent with a fine cruising breeze from the N.W. Saw several whalemen cruising — at 2. P. M. Spoke and Gamed with the schr. Union Whatkins of P— 3 months out Ocean had picked up a wreck and towed it in Bermudas where Capt. Nickerson left the Union to take the profits of the Wreck &c — worth several thousand dollars — being nearly new about 170 tons — & loaded with Mahogany Lat. & Long. @ 4. P. M. 32°24' N. 28. 36' W. agreeing with the M. Longitude.

Recollections of the Shylocks 3d. Voyage

July 12. 1851.

Saturday

Squid large pieces.

Most beautiful weather with light N.W. breezes— Saw three Sail beside the Union— Saw several pieces of fresh bit Squid. And saw Grampuses which I supposed must have bit it.

Lat. & Long. @ ½ past 3 P.M. 31° 40' N. 49° 12' W

Latter part Calm All hands went into Town.

Sunday July the 13.

Good weather and light Southerly winds. In the forenoon saw one sail. Held Divine Service on the quarter deck

Lat. & Long @ ½ past 3. P. M. 31 40 N. 50 06 W

Monday the 14.

Weather some Squally Thunder & lightning the first part. Saw a Ships Standing to S.E. most of the day good whale weather with a whole sail breeze from S.W. Lat. & Long— at Sun Set. 31. 51. N. 50 35 W.

Tuesday the 15.

Weather somewhat smokey with a fresh breeze from the S.W. saw three sail supposed merchantmen This morning some of the men found fault with the Steward not giving them Good food enough - I am inclined to think they have fared too well - however I told them to come to me when we had taken in sail at sun set and I would hear both sides of the diffisculty -
This day wrote a letter to W. H. Cook all of it being in Rhyme
Latitude & Longitude @ 4. P. M.
32°06' North 52° 31' W.
Wednesday the 16.
Pretty good weather though somewhat smokey. fresh breeze from S.S.W. saw some Gulf Weed, large flying fish - We are now on Whale ground where I have been taken Many Whales in the months of July and August. Lat. & Long. 4. P. M. 32°58' N. 53°44' W.

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Thursday July 17. 1851.

Weather continues somewhat thick with a fresh S.S.W. breeze early in the morning saw a bark standing E. a whaler. In the P.M. saw two more vessels at A.M. wore ships and stood to the S.E. Lat. & Long. @ 4. P.M. 33 20 N. 53 09 W. Had one heavy shower of rain. Saw a shovel nose shark.

Picked up a Bottle which was stoped up ~~tight~~ thinking there might be a note in it but it proved empty. Wrote our report put it in it corked it tight and committed again to the Ocean — In the evening called all hands aft and made enquiries abt the food &c &c-

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Friday the 18.

Good weather &
light breezes from S. W. We Zigzaging over
the Ground, Saw some Grampuses. Some
large Flying Fish, and Gulf weed. at 3. P.M.
Robert, Myself and One of the Hands Forward
Raised a Tone Sperm Whale, whale went
down headed to the Eastward. Pulled
~~two~~ boats Crews, I went in the L.B.
after the whale went down and had
been down 25' we Lowed, whale stopped
down 45' the Second rising, we was
going on in the L. B. when the whales
Started, And we chased till dark to
no purpose And Come on board. while
we were in the boats Ships keepers Saw
four more Whales Just at Sun set
making to the E.N.E. Lat. 2 Long. 33° 36' W.
53° 16' W. Saw Porpoises —

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Saturday July the 11. 1857.

Excellent weather with the exception of a few light showers of rain accompanied with a fine breeze from W.S.W. Working over the ground in hopes to fall in with some more Whales And I feel extremely low spirited in view of the noble prize which slipped through our fingers yesterday, yet I have nothing as regards carelessness or bad management to reflect on, had I just such an other opportunity to go on to a Whale, I know of no way in which I could attempt it more consistantly, than that which I took yester. Circumstances being the same. Some however have the opinion that had we used oars in lieu of paddles our chanse of taking the whale would have been better, But this is a matter of opinion
Lat. & Long. @ 3. P. M 34.00 N. 52. 51 W.
Saw porpoises.

Saturday: July the 20th



Begins with beautiful weather and Calm, the Ocean appearing like a sea of glass. At 8. O-Clock in the A.M. as usual all hands assembled on the quarter deck for religious Services- this day like most others, Spent in reading, singing - Conversation, and lounging about.

Latitude & Longitude @ 12. O. Clock in the P.M. 33.32 N. 52° 30' W.

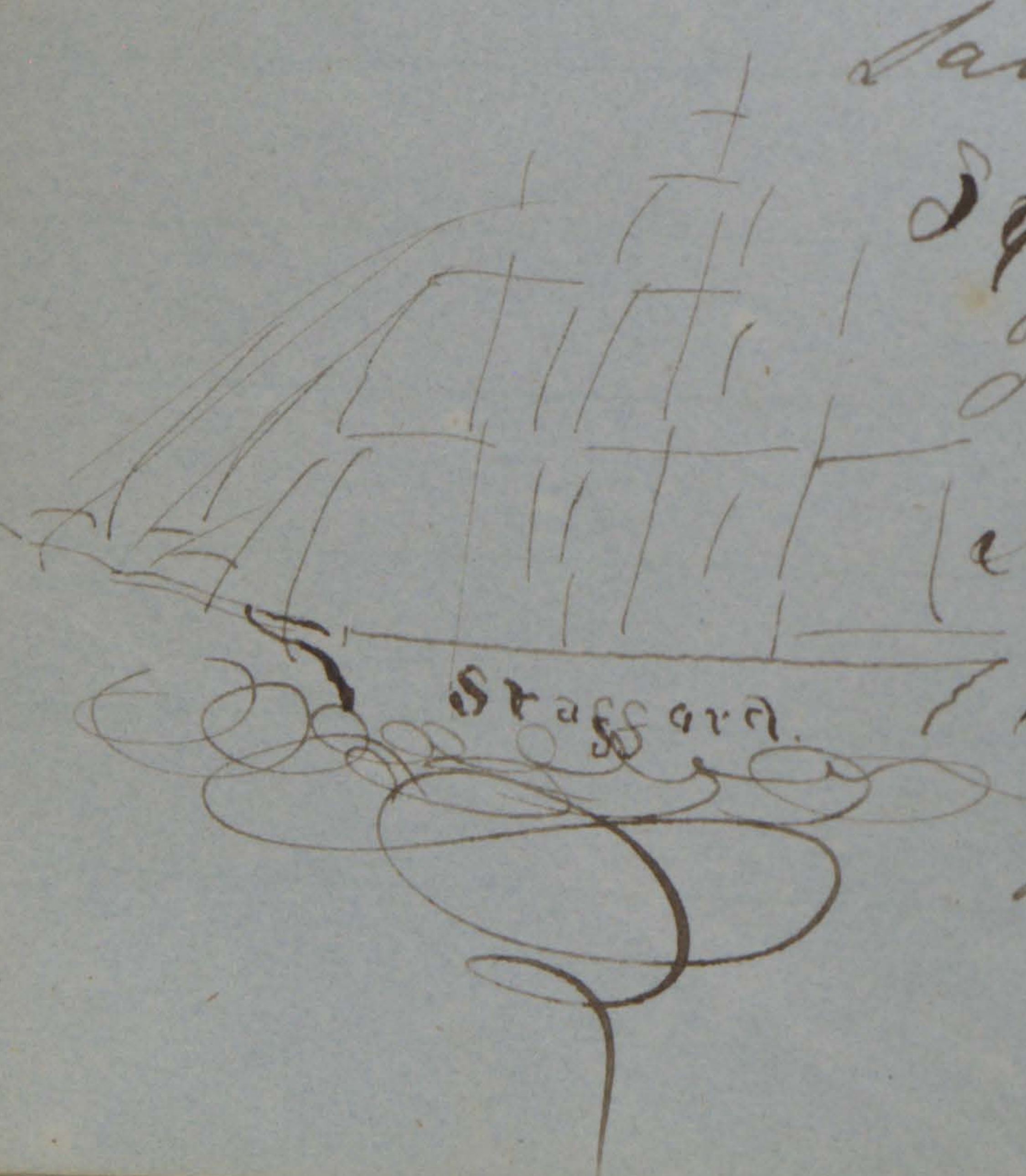
In the afternoon, Saw, Bright eyed- Tallow Knobs - Porpoises & Fishes.

Monday July the 21.

Beautiful weather
and a light breeze from the Eastward
Saw two sail of Merchant men with A.M.
And some Shools of Black fish, lowered
ours boats, And succeeded in one
pretty good one — Latitude & Longitude
@ Meridian 33° 16' N. 52° 57' W.
@ 2. P.M. began trying out our fish —
saw some Grampuses a breaching.
Black fish yielded about 2. barrels —
@ sun set took in sail heading
to the S. E. Lat. 33° 25' Long 53° 02' W.

Tuesday the 22. Eighty one days out.

With good weather
and light breezes from the E —
saw Grampuses & porpoises — &
Squid Lat & Long @ noon
33° 41' N. 53. 35 W. @ 4. P.M.
Spoke and Gamed with the Bark
Stafford. Francis. of N.B. 13 days
out Clean. Got papers as late as July 6.





Hookgin Black Fish

Wednesday the 28th

Excellent weather and pleasant winds from the Eastward, saw nothing worthy of note in D. M. But the Bank Stafford to the windward, which by the by is a very fine vessel, on board of which I had an agreeable visit, in Company with Capt. Francis. Yesterday.

Lat & Long at noon by Obs. 33.25 N. 58.0 W.
Lat & Long @ 1 PM Lat. 32°-5-5 N. 5-8. 0 W.
took in sail heading to the N——

Thursday 29. Very moderate winds and good weather saw some Grampuses & Grampuses are working to the N.E. Lat & Long @ 1/2 P.M. 33.22 N. 58 0 W. At this time saw a Sperm whale lines to windward (E.) and spoke whale

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Friday July the 25. 1851.

Weather continues lovely with very light winds from N. to E. and most of the day Calm. Engaged in painting Boats Spars &c. —
Lat. & Long @ 4 O. Clock 30' P. M.
33 40 North 52° 50' 30" West.

Saturday. 26. Good weather & Calm all day. engaged in painting boats &c. In the P. M. picked up another iron bound Cask making the second one with in a month. Lat. & Long. 33 54 N. 53° 36 W. Oct Im set nearly all hands went in a Swimming

Sunday 27. Weather beautiful with light winds from S. S. W. Saw a brig a merchantman Held our usual family worships — Lat. & Long @ 4. P. 33. 20 N. 52° 20' W.

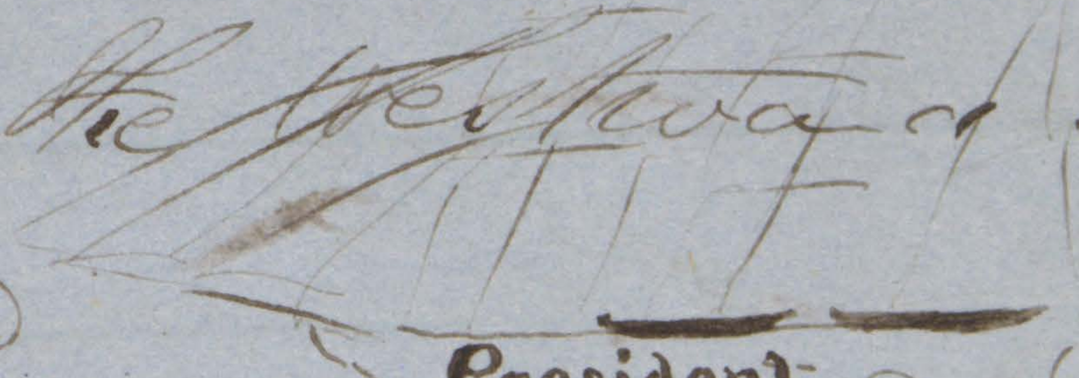
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Monday the 28.

Good weather
with a fresh S.W. wind Saw several
sail of Merchantmen all bound E –
one small brig (supposed French)
passed close to us – We running
to the E.S.E Saw Killers
Lat. & Long. @ 4 ½ P.M. 32° 58 N.
50° 30' W –

Tuesday the 29.

Good weather
and fresh breeze from S.W. we standing
to S.E. Saw one sail
Lat. & Long. @ noon 32 19 N. 49° 13' 30" W
" " " Sun set. 32 00 N. 48° 35 W.
took in sail heading to the westward.



President

Wednesday the 30.

Good weather & light
S W breezes. Saw two sail of whalemen
And spoke and went on board the Bark
President. Sawle 9 months out 380 sp. 15 bk
Stopped but a few minuts – In the P.M.
Saw two more sail – Lat. & Long 32 08. 47. 11 W.

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Thursday the last of July.

Weather continues
beautiful with light S. W. winds
Saw some Grampuses
Lat. & Long. @ Noon 48°32'N. 32°7'W.

Wednesday August 1st 1851.

Friday

Beautiful weather
and very light Southerly breeze
This have great hopes this month
in getting at least One good deck
Load.

Latitude and Longitude
@ Meridian 22°26'N. 48°11'15"W.
Caught a Shark - Saw Porpoises.

Saturday Ap. 2d

Excellent
weather and Calm first part
saw Gulf Weed. Grampuses. & some
Dolphin. tallow decks &c.—
Lat. & Long. @ noon 32° 08 N.
48 00. W. We 22 days out with
3 porpoises, and 1 Black fish.
Still hope cheers us with the anticipa-
tion of having some Spermaceti nest
eggs in the ground tier, by next
Saturday evening —

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Sabbath August the third

Beautiful weather and very light northerly winds. At 8. O. Clock A.M. all hands assembled on the quarter deck for Religious worship — This day completed the fourth sheet, and sixteenth side, in a letter to wife, having made it a rule to converse in the language of the pen, once a week with absent one.
In the P.M. saw large quantities of Gulf weed, tallow drops, &c — also a sail running to the S. E. — Lat. & Long. @ 4 P.M. 37.45 North. 48° 30. West, we standing to the W — One King Killer came close to us.

Monday the 4th of August

Good weather and Stiff wholesail breeze from N.E. @ 8 O clock A.M. Saw an Old Carcass, being the next thing to Whales — We zigzaging over the Ground — Lat. & Long at 4. P. M. 31. 14 North. 41. 37 West. This morning run S.W. till noon. when we run West till 3 P. M. then hauled up N.N.W. by the wind —

by

Tuesday the 5th

First part good weather and light winds from N.E. till 10. O. Clock A.M. when it increased to a double reef breeze with frequent Squalls of rain we working to Eastward — Lat. & Long @ 4. P. M. 30°54'N. 48°23' West. This day passed close to a large tree, roots up should think 'twas 80 feet long — And about 4 feet in circumferanse — As nigh as I can judge it must have come from the Mississippi river

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Wednesday the 6. of August 1851. 98 days out

Weather interrested with
frequent Showers of rain in the A.M.
accompanied with light E. winds.
Carried away one of our Boat Stays.
In the P.M. Good weather & light
E winds - Standing to the N—
Lat. & Long. by D.R. at 3744 N. 58° 59' W.

Thursday the 7.

Fine weather and
very light S. wind. Saw Fallow ducks
Bermudas. Small flying Squid. Grampuses.
And a large Squid
Lat. & Long @ noon 32 15 N. 58 41 W.
Set running N.E.

Friday the 8.

Beautiful weather with light S.W winds
Saw Grampuses. & Junkies. Caught 3 Dolphins
Lat. & Long. @ D.R. at 33 23 N. 57 30 W—
Saw one Sail running to the Eastward.

Saturday the 2nd

Fine weather

with pleasant breeze from W W

In the Morning saw Blackfish.



also the Schooner Alexander. Going S. E.

4 Months out 760 Bbls. which he took last

Saturday about 2 miles to the Westward Capt.

Young Came on board of Us and Spent

the day quite agreeably we being old

Ships Mates — in Sight of several other

of our vessels, being near this vicinity

and having from 180 Bbls to 30 Bbls. having

been more successful then ours. Obs.

Lat. & Long @ 4. P.M. 33-41 N. 47 22 W.

our Long being about 40' east of the A.S.

He saw his whale in Lat 34.00. Long. 47

48° 10' W

Sunday the 3d. Good weather and nearly

Calm. Close to the A. a Sperm Brig a mer-

chantman passed us steering to the N.E.

At 8. A.M. held our usual Religious Service

After dinner went on board the A. &

Lat. & Long. 34.07. N. 47.25 W.

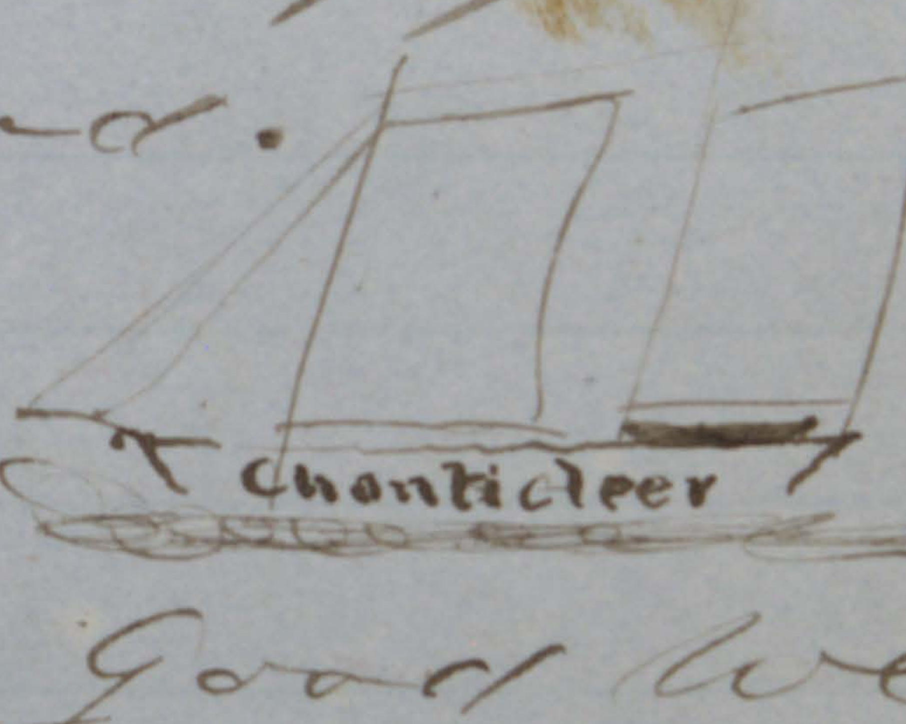
being 20 miles East of the A. Long-

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Monday August 11th

Good weather and whole sail breeze from the Westward. In the morning saw the smoke of a Steamer, we working to the windward in company with the Alexander. Saw some Grampuses a breaching, & a piece of fresh looking Squid.

Lat. & Long. @ 1 O.clock in P.M. 34.40 N. 47°40 W. tacked and stood to the S. @ 5 P.M. the A. passed about 4 miles to windward.



Tuesday the 12.

In the A.M. good weather and fresh W. wind. Saw five sail of Whalemen, we under single reef. At 7 O.Clock P.M. spoke the Schr. Chanticleer Cook of P. 4 1/2 months 110 bls. Sp. Capt. C. came on board of us. Informed us of several of our vessels doing quite well. Are glad to think our friends are doing well, and

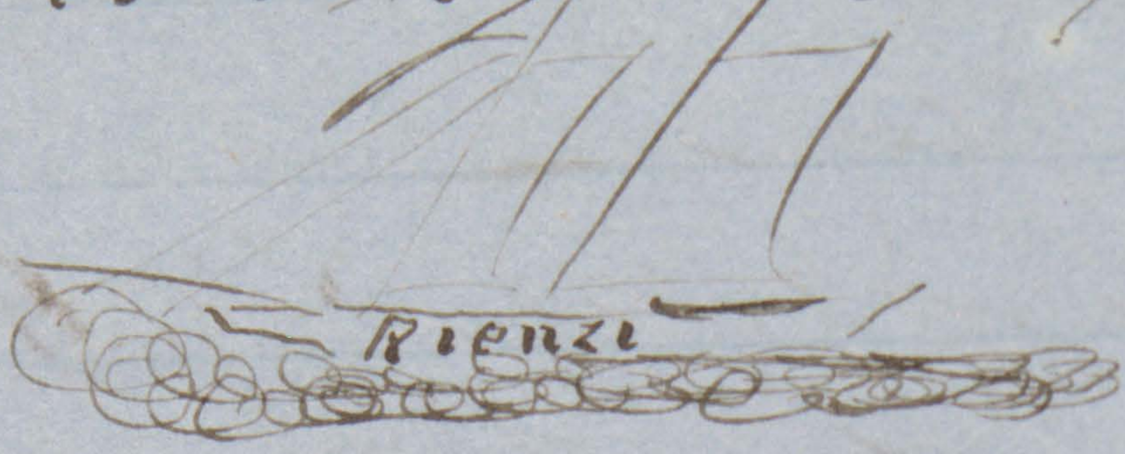
should be very happy to be getting
some fat for ourselves —
Lat. & Long. 4. P. M. 34.10 N. 48.04 W.
we being some 20' east of the other's reckoning
longitude. Capt. Young. of Alex—
came on board about 6. P. M.
both left before dark, when the weath
-er became squally with rain, thunder.
& lightning — reduced sail as
usual — Whales have been seen and
taken several times in the course of
past Month. Saw the Jane Howes
and Rienzi

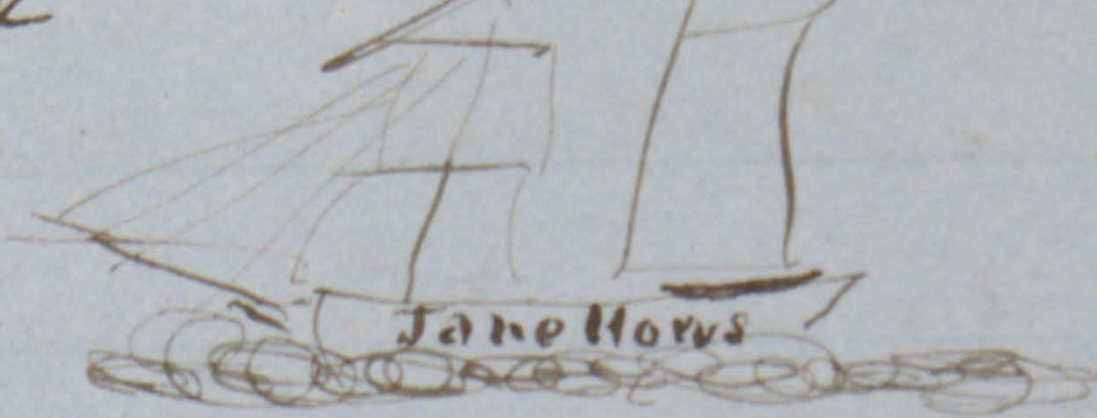
Wednesday the 13.

Blowing a gale from the Westward
under reef foresail trysail &— at in-
tervals heavy showers of rain — rough sea.
at 10 A. M. wore ships to the S—
In the P. M. weather became better
and the wind more moderate, tore our
fore sail where it was seized to the hoops
Lat. & Long. @ 4. P. M. 48.29' W. 34.20' N.
This day have felt an unusual degree
of care and anxiety in regard to our voyage,
And should be very happy to have a fortunate
termination to it.

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Thursday the 14 of August. 1851.





Whales.



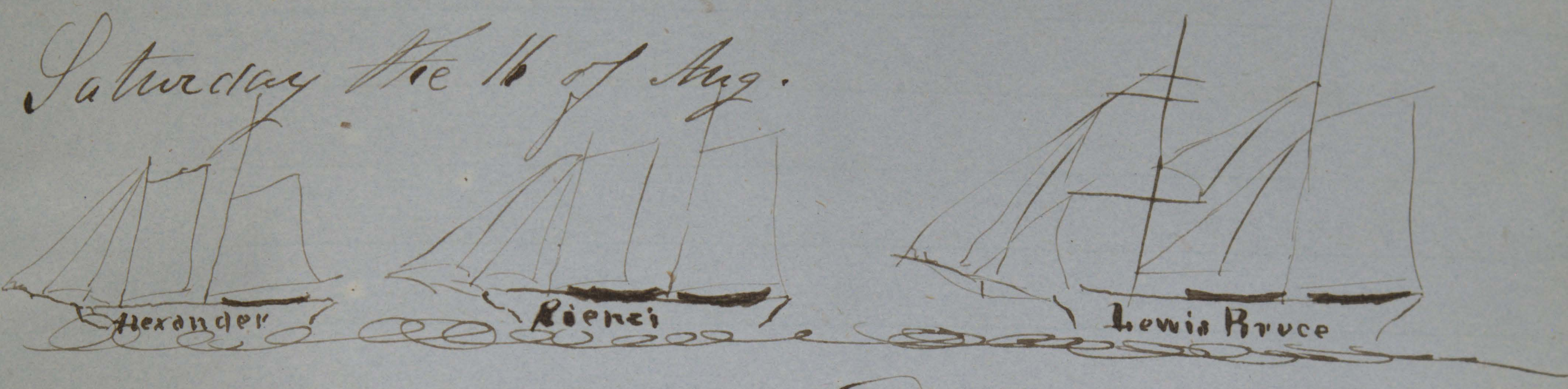
Weather squally & thick
winds light @ 10 A.M. Spoke & went on
board the Jane Howes. Nickerson of P.
3½ months out 100 bls. Sperm. the Rienzi.
Joseph. do. 75 bls. Sp. Gamed on board the J.H.
Whales last week were seen 5 times near
the Latitude of 34.00 Long 48° 30' W.
Our Lat. & Long to day being by account
34.20 N. 48 25 W. All on board our
respective vessel before dark —
Saw Blackfish & Killers —

Friday the 15.

Pretty good weather after
day break. Previous to which experienced
quite a tempest, Thunder. Lightning, wind,
& rain in copious profusions —
this a fresh wholsail breeze from W.S.W.
Saw the J.H. & Rienzi beat the latter
repaired Mainsail & foresail. Unbent 74
the topsail to repair, and bent another.

Latitude & Longitude @ noon
34. 10 N. 48. 26 W. @ 5. P. M. tacked
to the N. W. Rienzi in sight to leeward

Saturday the 16 of Aug.



Experienced a whole
sail breeze from S. W. and smokey weather
In the P. M. saw several sail of
Provincetown Whalers. Jane Howes, Chanticleer
and the above — @ 4. P. M. spoke the Bruce
225 bls. Sp. had taken their oil on the
Charleston Ground — had just come from there.
Capt Young came of the B. do .. A. & Capt.
Joseph of the R came on board just before
sun set and stopped a that time. Lat. &
Long @ 4. P. M. 34. 08 N. 48 07 W. our Long
being about 10 miles East of the others
therefore I shall deduct 40" seconds from
the total rates of our Chronometer
At 7. O.clock in the P. M. kept off to the E
75 under easy sail not having seen whales here &
being among too many vessels ——— East

week the Belle Isle, Chief Mate Committed
Suicide by Jumping overboard, Supposed
Caused by worryment of Mind, brought
on by loosing a large whale, which he
was fast to, not long since.

Sunday the 17th

In the Morning was a fine
somewhat squally, showers of rain, and
a whole sail breeze from W.S.W. we run-
ning to the E, under easy Sail —
Latitude & Longitude at 4 P.M.
34. 30 N. 46. 21 W. saw numerous tide
tips —

Monday the 18.

Good weather wind light
and from the S.W. in the morning saw
a Ships Cruising — saw Grampuses, Porpoises
and several Species of Squid, We zigzag-
ing over the ground.
Lat. & Long. @ noon. 34. 44 N.
44° 48' W — took in Sail in the
eve. heading N.W.

Tuesday the 19.

Good weather and fine S.W. breeze saw three sail of vessels- Numerous tide rips. Some Gulf weed, Grampuses. **Squid** and a black bottle Latitude & Longitude @ 4. P.M. 38-20 N. 48.49 W— Zigzagging over the ground—

Wednesday the 20.

Exsellent weather with a fine cruising wind from S.W. we running to N.E. first part, saw three sail of merchantmen bound E— saw Gulf weed. tide rips, Grampuses This morning feeling some what solicitous about my voyag, And having been acquainted with several fine Old Ladies who when perplexed with anxiety on some particular point, would turn to their Bibles, "And open to some chance verse, to find consolation, I thought

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I too would try the experiment, and accordingly taken my Bible opened and the first verse that met my eye was the first of the One hundred & twentieth Psalm. "I to the hills do lift up my eyes so I cried unto the Lord, and he heard me." which was too good not to be taken notice of, though I may not be advanced in the way, which made me bring a good Whale to us soon — In the P. M. saw a Shark, a Cagot and a piece of Squid. Latitude & Longitude @ 4. P.M. 36. 12 N. & 8. 20 W. being near the Hole where we took our last voyage this Month.

Before sun set saw two more sail of Merchantmen bound E. Saw porpoises and tide rips. When we took in sail for the night was close to an English ships, which was running with Studding sails set alow & a loft

Thursday the 21. of August

In the A.M. clear weather and the wind hauling to the N.E. and increasing - At noon under double reefs and very rough sea —
Broke off the bolt from the outer bob-stay — Lat. & Long. @ 4. P.M. 43. 36. W. 36 5-9 N. Wind moderating

Friday the 22nd

Commences with fine weather & light breeze from the S.E. we standing to the under all sail Toward noon wind increasing and hauling to the S - weather getting cloudy. @ 2. P.M. reefed the topsail Lat. & Long. @ 8. O.Clock A.M. 37 30 N. 44. 04. Saw nothing worthy of note till 5. O.clock P.M. when we saw a Breach run off for it, but not make it out. Saw a large piece of fresh Squid Lat. & Long. @ Sun Set. 37° 35 N. 43. 00 W. Weather squally and blow fresh from S.S.E. took in sail for the night.

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Saturday August 23d 1851

Comes in with Squally weather and fresh S S E winds rough sea – saw a piece of Squid At 8. O clock A.M. Lat. & Long 37° 40 N 48.04 W. tacked and stood to S.W. In the P.M. saw a Bark standing to the E. under double reef topsails &c we under double reef mainsail, foresail & jib – Lat. & Long @ 4 P. M. 37° 04' N. 48° 37' W.

Sunday 24. Fine weather with a pleasant breeze from the Eastward At 8. O clock in the A.M. held religious service on the quarter deck – Latitude & Longitude at 4. P.M. 38° 06 North Longitude 48° 20' West All this day standing to the South Variation about 1.½ points West. 116 days out.

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Monday 25.



Dolphin.

Began with
good weather and light westerly winds
the standing to the Southward, saw
two sail of Merchantmen bound E.
Had considerable Sport for a short time
a fishing, Caught seven Dolphins.
And exspect quite a treat for dinner.
The above is a good representation of the
Male Dolphin In the N. W. white sail
breeze from W. S. W. Saw some Breaks
Latitude and Longitude @ Sun
set. 37. 00 N. 43° 12' West.



Tuesday the 26 of August. 1857.

Good weather with a fresh Whole sail breeze from S.W. to S.S.W. Saw Black fish in the A.M. And Grampusses a Breaching in the P.M. Lat. & Long @ Noon 36.27 N. 42.35 W. Most of this day Standing on a wind to Southward Laying up from S. to S.E. true Course —

Wednesday the 27.

Before daylight had some heavy showers of rain after which beautiful weather accompanied with a fine Cruising breeze from the W. Saw numerous Hagdels and two flocks of Geese bound to the S. Eastward.
All this day Standing to the S.S.W.
Lat. & Long. 4. P.M. 35.55 N. 43.02 W.

Thursday Dec 28.

Excellent weather and light winds from S. to W. stood to the W. till 11 A.M. when tacked and stood to the S. Saw a vessel steering to the E. And one old grey back Grampus steering about the same Lat. & Long @ Noon. 35-36. N. 43 O'clk

Friday 29.

Beautiful weather and light westerly winds. Saw a Bark steering to the W.E. We steering to the S. In the P.M. saw Grampuses. Nice ripps. and small breakers. Some Sea weed. Lat. & Long. @ 4. O. Clock in the P.M. 34.18.N. 42.08.30" West.

Unbent our old Mainsail repaired it and bent the new one

On good Whale ground, but where are the whales!

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Saturday August 30. 1851.

Begins with good weather and nearly
Calm, In the A.M. a large water Spout
formed not far from us. Caught one
the Dolphin. Towards noon Weather
Squally winds baffling — heavy showers of
rain — In the A.M. wet cloudy weather
and light westerly winds.
Lat. & Long. G. M. At. 33° 35 N. 42° 12 W.
Saw a squid about 3 feet long.

Sunday 31st Last of August

Commenced with
squally, rainy weather and baffling winds
Saw a shoal of Blackfish, a caller
heard them before daylight, In the P.M.
better weather and light E winds
Lat. & Long. at 12 noot 3 ms. 33° 28 N
41° 50 West.

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Monday. September the 1st 1851.

First part Squally weather
accompanied with Thunder & Lightning
with very light baffling winds
In the P.M. a light breeze sprung
up from the S.E. made sail &
run to the westward. Saw some Gulf
weed, and tide rips, should judge
there was an E.N.E. current, of
about a mile an hour —
Caught two Dolphins
Latitude & Longitude @ 4. O. clock
in the P.M. 33°03'N. 42°08' West.

Tuesday the 2.

First part Squally, rainy, with Thunder
and lightning. fresh breeze from S.E. to S.S.W.
Working over the Grand to the W.S.W. saw
flying. Gulf weed, and Grampuses heaving
Lat. and Long. @ 4. P.M. in. 43°38' West.
33 28 North.

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Wednesday Sept. 3d

Comfortable weather and
a fine breeze from S.W. Saw nothing worthy
of note in the A.M. Latitude by Obs at noon
34° 19' North. In the P.M. weather
Squally wind moderating down
Lat. & Long. at Noon. 34 20 N.
74° 28' West

Thursday the 4.

Most beautiful weather and light
westerly winds Stood to the N. till
2. O. Clock P.M. when we backed
to the S.W. saw some porpoises.
Lat. & Long @ noon by Observations
34° 34 N. 73° 13 West.

Friday the 5.

First part Squally with a
stiff breeze from the W.S.W. Saw some
porpoises. @ 11. O. Clock A.M. Spoke
and went on board the Virgin Josephine
had taken a large whale in Company
with the Lewis Bruce one week ago
last Monday. In the Lat. 34.06. N.

Long. about 45 00 W. While on board
the "Rienzi" in the P.M. the Schr. Harriet
Neal. and brig Lewis Bruce Came down
to us and Gammed, at dark all on
board our respective vessels —
H. Neal has 75 Sp. 28 bbls oil. Lewis Bruce
275 Sperm. Rienzi 115 Sp. In hopes our
turn will very soon arrive.
The L.B. intends to leave for home next
week. Sent some letters, and intend
to prepare more of a better date, those
I sent having been sealed up for months.
Lat. & Long. 4 P.M. 34 00 N. 45 40 W.
Towards sun set. weather better, wind
moderating and Canting to N.W.
Gave our Dog (Sago) to Mr. Freeman
the mate of the L.B.
Many a good whale taken in September

Saturday Sept 6. 57.

Begins with fine weather and calm. towards a pleasant breeze spring up from the E.S.E. In the P.M. some light squalls – At ½ past 6. A.M. saw some spouts and not knowing but they might be whales, lowered the two starboard boats, and pulled up where we saw them proved to be porpusses Caught. a Dolphin. saw Killers and a piece of squid. All four vessels within a circle of a few miles Lat. & Long @ 4. P. M. 33 34 N. 45-5 34 W. This day completed several letters to send Home by the Lewis Bruce. In the eve spoke her –

Sabbath Sept. 7. 51.

Beautiful weather and calm — at 7. p. m an English close sent a boat alongside of him. proved the Saucy Lass of Dartmouth N. S. from St. Johns. N. F. bound to Demerara — S. A. @ 9. A. M. the Bruce. Rienzi. and H. Neal being in sight, run up the Bethel flag. Capt. Bush came on board and Second Officer J. C. And a 2. p. m held religious service on the quarter deck At. 5. p. m close to the Lewis Bruce Capt. Young, & Joseph came on board of us, And we spent a very agreeable evening @ 8. 1. p. m. parted, after holding a very happy and profitable season of Prayer. God grant that it may prove a savor of life unto life to all who were present.

Lat. & Long. @ 5 p. m. 33° 14' N. 46° 11' W there being a strong S. W. current should judge more the a knot an hour. Saw a ship a whaleman (cruising)

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Monday the 8th of September A.D. 1851. Schooner

Commences with very very rainy weather Accompanied with heavy thunder, and vivid lightning. At day light not far from a larg whale ships, And our other Company keepers — Saw Grampuses. Toward noon weather became better with a light N. Easterly wind Made sail and stood to the E —
Latitude and Longitude @ ½ p.m. 33°04 N 46° 00' W. About this weather became squally again experienced several copious showers. Composed a Poem entitled Odd Fellowships.

Tuesday the 9. Excellent weather with the exception of few light squalls of rain, winds very light and from the E. to N. Saw Grampuses tallow drops, Lowe gaff went two sail — Current to the S. W. Lat. & Long. 3. p.m. 32 36 N. 45° 56' W. Bent new Jib.
Composed a poem entitled Who is my neighbour. 90

Shylock. J. B. Hersey. Master. of Provincetown. Mass.

Wednesday

Begins with beautiful and light winds from the N. W. Saw tide rips. Gulf weed tallow-drops. Dolphin and Grampuses. Lat. & Long. @ Meridian 33°12' N. 42°30' W. This morning composed a poem about my Clock, a jeweled Marine One which was presented to by my esteemed friend Robert E. Marsh of Bristol, Connecticut. It being no little Company for me, who are denied the society of home, to converse with the Muses, occasionally, and Convey my rambles (however deficient) to paper. In the reduced sail as usual.

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Thursday Sept. 11. / 51.

Most Beautiful weather and a fine Cruising breeze from the N.W. Stood to the N.N.E. till ½ past 11. A.M. tacked to the W. at 2. P.M. tacked to the N.N.E. again, being a good berth from the H. Neal and Rienzi, both of them being to leeward. And Came in sight twice we first tacked Lat. & Long. @ 4. P.M. 33°52'N. 45°18'W Another sail in sight a Steern— Ott. Sun set went down and Spoke the H.N. went on board Stoped till 8. P.M. Weather good, and very light winds.

Friday the 12.

Good weather & fresh breeze from N.W. 8 A.M. tacked to W. in company with Rienzi & H. N. Saw two other sail. Lat. & Long. do. 33 52 N. 46 06 W. Saw Grampus and Since of Squid. Lat. & Long. 4. P.M. 33 50 N. 46 44 W.

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Saturday 13.

Good weather with a fresh W. West breze saw a sail, one of the a Schooner. Whaler. In the P.M. he gained with our Company Respects. about 4 miles to the windward. Saw some Squid & Grampuses. Latitude & Longitude @ 4. P.M. 35°04' N. 46.20 West.

Sunday the 14.

Beautiful weather and very light breze from the W.W. Saw a brig a merchantman. Saw Black fish & Porpoises In the morning held our Customary religious Service on the quarter deck, all hands being present. Run down and spoke the Belle Isle and went alongside took Capt. Nye in and went on board the Harriet Neal, and spent the remainder of the day. Belle Isle, 30. lbs. Latitude & Long. @ 4. P.M. 33. 52 N. 45. 53 W. This morning Composed a Poem on the death of My little girl, entitled Our Bird.



Monday the 15th Sept. 59

Most Beautiful
weather and pleasant breeze from W. to S.—
In company with our company keepers—
Saw a brig a Whaleman, and another
Sail. plenty of Albicores, Bonitos, Dolphin
And tide rips — Stood to the S.E. till 11
A.M. tacked to the W.
Lat. & Long. 3. P.M. 33. 26 N. 46 41 W.
Just before dark saw Black fish & Grampuses
lowered for them but did not see them afterwards

Tuesday the 16.

Weather excellent, wind light & from
S.S.E. Kienzi & H. Neal, a good cruising berth
to leeward. Saw Grampuses, Porpoises, Dolphin
Bonitos. Albicores. tallow drops — tide rips —
&c. everything but what we need most.
Lat. & Long. 8. A.M. 33.00 N. 46. 36 W.
@ 4. P.M. 32°. 55 N. 46. 07 West.
Towards Sun set weather became squally, with
some rain. tacked ships & reduced
sail for the night as usual.

Wednesday the 17.

Weather continues good with a fine cruising breeze from S.S.E. to S.S.W. Stood to the westward till noon. Lat. & Long. do 33. 36 N. 46.° 47' W. Saw a Herm-brig a merchantman. also in Company with Reinzi & H. Neat- a good berth apart. Tacked at noon and stood to the Eastward. Saw Grampuses a breaching. Caught some Albicores - had one baked for supper. not very good eating. though Cooked excellent.

Thursday the 18.

Fine weather with a pleasant breeze from S.E. we stand on a wind to the E.N.E. Saw porpoises, Albicores & C- H. N. in sight a Stern, at noon he tacks to the W. Lat. & Long. @ 4. P. M. 33 07 N. 45 50 West. reduced sail @ Sun Set.

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Friday the 17th Sept.

Fine weather And pleasant E. winds In the morning Saw a Breach & Spouts, lowered the two larboard boats for them turned out Fin Backs.
Lat. & Long. 3. p.m. 33 48 N. 45° 31 W
The "Harriet Neal" about 2½ miles off our lee beam — Saw a large piece of fresh bit Squid. Find hard work to get to the Eastward, as I am desirous of having a look in the vicinity of the Long. of 40°.00 W. Still having hopes of getting a good Whale before we get home. Composed a poem entitled My Sister —
Just before Sun set run down to the H.N. Capt. Bush came on board, and we spent the evening quite pleasantly — he returned to his vessel @ ½ past 8 o'clock

Saturday the 20.

As fine weather as can be desired. wind E and pleasant In the Morning saw some fine Barks And the H. N. maneuvering tacked And Stood for - saw him heave to for a Merchant brig to speak, when we again tacked to the N.E. find it exceedingly hard to make any Eastern head up by Compass N.E. and for six days past have made that of two degrees East - Lat. & Long.t @ 4. p.m. 34. 41 N. 45 36 W.
Composed a few verses to Capt. Bush.

Sunday the 21. Good weather and a fresh whole sail breeze from the E.S.E. In the morning Held Religious service on the quarter deck at 10. do. H. N. came down to us, and I went on board and stopped till sun set.
Lat. & Long. @ 4. p.m. 34.20 N. = 45° 37' W.

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Monday 22d. Sept. 1851.

Weather Good with
a fine E.S.E. breeze we runaing W.S.W.
the N.N. Stood to S.W. Saw a Juice of Squid
and a brig — Lat. & Long. & Jo. Mn.
33° 32' N. 47.00 W.

Tuesday 23. At noon the Sun croped the Equator

Good weather and fine breze
from S.E. run W. till noon when we hauled
up S.W. Saw a Juice of Squid & a fin back
Lat. & Long. @ 3. O. Clock in the P.M.
32. 58. N. 48. 27 West.

146. days out and not
a Whale at 3. O. Clock this afternoon, but still
looking on the brig bet Side

Schr. B.J.—

Wednesday the 24. Good weather Long & reef breze
from S.E. Stood to the S.W. till 3 P.M. when we
tacked to E. Lat. & Long. do. 32 00 N. 47. 11 W.
D & do Spoke the Belle Isle had not seen anything
since we Spoke him last.

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Thursday the 25.

Good weather with a fresh S.E. wind Stood to the E till 8. A.M. when we Spoke the Antartic Howard of P. 4. mths. out 55 Bls. of oil. Went on board and Spent the day, with Capt. Howard. Saw the Belle Isle. and one more Schr. Lat. & Long @ 4. p.m. 32°16 N. 49. 04 W agreeing with the Ab. Received letters from home sweet Home — No. 7.



Friday the 26. September /57.

Fine weather and light Easterly winds, at daylight made sail standing to the S and @ 6. O. clock A. M. Joseph King raised a shoal of small Sperm. Whales got breakfast and lowered, the whales going to the windward, not very fast boats got pretty near them — Whales saw the L. B. and started off to the leeward Whales gallied — the Antarctic got down to us and we mated, and in a few minutes our L. B. successfully striking a small one. the A's L. B. also — whales cut around a short time and then took to windward chased them till out of sight to windward, saw the Belle Isle lower for them but did not get any Cut in our whale and stood to the N. E. @ dark tacked to the S. and got ready to try out. the A close to us —
Lat. & Long. 31 40 N. 49. 30 W —

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Saturday Sept. 27. Fresh Gales.

Good weather & fresh breeze from E. Stood to the S.S.E. Tryed out our little whale made 10 bbs.
Saw the Antartic & Belle Isle. In the P. M saw another Schr. Speak the A.
Lat. & Long. 3. P. M. 31 42 N. 50.11.W.
Just before sun set. Spoke the Antartic his whale made 3 or 4 bbs. —

Sunday 28. Weather some squally and blowing half a gale from the N.E. lying to under foresail and trysail. the A. close to us
Lat & Long. 3 P. M. 31 04 N. 49.06.W

Monday 29. Blowing heavy from the E.S.E. under reefed foresail and trysail heading to S to. S.E the A about half a miles a stern under similar sail. very rough sea on, and our vessel making good weather
Lat. & Long. 3. P. M. 30.28 N. 48 57 W

Tuesday the last of September

Squally weather and blowing fresh from E.S.E. @ 10. A.M. Spoke the A. Capt. Howard remarked that he thought the farther we went, the worse it took - we run off S.W. togeather untill ½ past 5 p.m. when we hove to under reefed foresail & trysail. Lat. & Long. @ Sun set. 29° 40' N. 47° 10' W. This day composed a Poem entitled the Mariners Cares. This day ends blowing quite a Gale from S.E. with showers of rain

Wednesday October the 1.

Blowing heavy from S.E. till 1. A.M. when the wind hauld to S.W. wore ships, and headed up S.E. weather became clearer but still lying to under trysail & reefed foresail - Lat. & Long. 3. p.m. 29° 40' N. 41. 37 W.

This day composed two Poems, one to my Sister in Law S.M. Lavender on the loss of her young-er boy, my namesake, the other entitled My Mother — Towards night wind moderating.

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Thursday October the 2d 1851.

Quite a pleasant day with a good cruising breeze from W.S.W. In the A.M. exchanged Colors with an Engl. a Merchantman bound S. Saw the Antar-tic Speak him. Caught a large Dolphin. Lat. & Long. @ 8. A.M. 28°54'N. 48°50'W. @ 8. do tacked to the N.W. Lat. & Long. @ 3. P.M. 28°10'N. 49°01'W. @ 7. P.M. Calm Capt. Howard came on board and remained till 10. O. Clock. Spent the evening very agreeably —

Friday the 3d.

Good weather & very light N. winds. Stood the W. & saw nothing but flying fish in the A.M. Lat. & Long. @ 3. P.M. 31°18'N. 49°40'W.

Saturday the 4. Beautiful weather and Calm nearly all day. a part of the time light S.E. winds. we Steering to the N.W.ds. in Company with the A. Lat. & Long. @ 3. P.M. 30°35'N. 49°58'W.

Sabbath Oct. the 5. 59.

Fine weather. the first part with light winds from the S.E. At 9. A.M. went on board the Antartic and spent the day in company with Capt. Howard. Mr. Howard returning the compliment to the Shylock.
Lat. & Long. @ 4. P.M. 31° 10' N. 55° 00' W.
Before dark some squally. each on board their respective vessels.

Monday the 6.

Good weather with a fine breeze from the S.E. we running from W. to W.N. in company and about 8 miles N. of the Antartic. early in the morning saw Black fish and porpoises— also saw a Herm. brig standing S.W.
Lat. & Long. @ 4. P.M. 31. 32° N. 57. 52 W. this vicinity being considered excellent **Whale ground**.
Composed a poem on the three words
Wife, Home, and Mother.
this day ends, with thick rainy weather

Tuesday. Oct. 7/51. Saw Gulf weed.

Weather some squally
with unsteady breezes from W.S.W. to W.N.W.
at intervals nearly calm. In company with
the A. Saw a piece of Squid.
Lat. & Long. 4. P.M. 32°04' N. 52° 30' W.
This day closes nearly calm thick and rainy.

Wednesday the 8.



Commences with rainy weather
and calm. at 7 O Clock A.M. a breeze sprung
up from the W. Stood the West. Caught
a Dolphin — the A. about 8 miles off our
lee bow — At 1/2 past 12. saw Black fish
lowed one small one. Lat. & Long @ 3. P.M.
32 26. N. 53 20 W At 5. O Clock P.M.
wind came from the N.E. blowing heavy —
under reef foresail & trysail only —
heading up W.N.W. This day closes wet
and stormy — At 7. P.M. a large ship
passed us running off before the Gale —

Thursday the 9.

Commences Blowing a Gale from the N.E. we under reefed forsail and try sail heading ups N.N.W. the Antarctic in sight off our Lee quarter. Saw Black fish.

At 3. P.M. Clear weather and still blowing heavy with rough sea Lat. & Long. 32 04 N. 53° 54' W.

Friday the 10. Windy and squally from the N.E. towards noon rather more moderate set reefed topsail and run off N.W. in Company with the Antarctic saw out our Black fish made about 12 gallons oil — Lat. & Long. true. @ 12 past 2. P.M. 32° 30 N. 54° 22 West. Caught a Dolphin. @ Sun set hove to under reefed foresail & try sail

Saturday the 11. of Oct. /51.

Clear weather with a fresh easterly wind and rough sea. Running off W.N.W. in Company with the A. under reef topsails Jibsail, Trysail &c. Saw two Sail. Some Grampuses, and Gulf weed. Took in Sail as usual — Lat and Long @ 8. P.M 33.24.N. 75°45'W

Sunday the 12. Clear weather, with a fresh breeze from the E.
The A. close to us. At 8. O.clock in the A.M. held religious service on the quarter deck, all hands being present, selected the 11th Chapt. of Hebrews —
At 11. A.M. the A ran off N.W. thought he was going to leave us. but in the course of two hours saw him heave to under his Jibsail —
Lat. & Long. @ 4. P.M. 34°00'N. 74°10'W
Towards Sunset the wind moderated and hauled to the S.E. all this day lying under reef Jibsail & Trysail —

Monday Dec. 13.

Commences with
Good weather and a seven knot breeze
from the E.S.E. Saw a bark steering
N. Easterly. Saw Dolphin, Gulf weed
and Numerous flying Fish.
We running W.N.W. in Company with
the Antarctic. being about Seven miles
apart.

Lat. & Long. @ 1/2 past 2. P.M.
34 12 N. 57 49 West.

At one set Spoke the
A. and we run off W.N.W. under easy Sail.
together

Tuesday the 14.

In the A.M. weather Some
Smokey with a fine breeze from S.S.E.
at daylight made Sail and run off
N.W. Saw a piece of Squid.
At past 9. exchanged Colors and
Longitudes with a French brig

Ours being 20 miles West of this -
Saw Considerable Gulf weed
At Meridian weather clear and pleas-
antly. Lat. do. 34° 50' North
Latitude & Longitude @ ½ past 3. O-Clock
in the P. M. 35° 05' N. 59° 34' West.
Smelt Blackfish -
@ sun set wind S.W. took in sail heading
to the W.N.W.

Wednesday the 15. October

Weather some smokey
with a fresh breeze from S.W. ~~coming~~
At daylight made sail and ran N.W.
in Company with the A. kept about 9 miles
apart. Passed a brig Steering E -
Saw sea weed. And a large Albicore.
Lat. & Long @ 3. P. M. 36° 00' N. 61° 10' W.
Considered good whale ground in this
vicinity. Should like pleasant weather
so we could have a good look
about here, for a few days, But good
whale weather at this season of the year, is
a very scarce article in this neighbourhood,
At 5. P. M. wind increasing & squally under foresail. jib.
and trysail only. Lightning

Thursday the 16.

169. days out.

I've been a buffeting the wave,
To meet dame fortune's frowns;
But disappointment been my lot,
I'm going Home again.
—Hersey.

This day commences with squally weather and fresh wind from the N. at daylight winds quite moderate made all sail and stood to the N.W. @ 7. O. clock A.M. Spoke the Antarctic. Capt. Howard asked me if I was going to put her across the Stream (Gulf) told I should like to stop about here this week, if the weather would permit of it — At 11. O. clock do. wind came fresh from N.E. took in Stay sail reefed the topsail, and continued our course, in company with the A.

Never in the course of my going
to Sea, have I had my feelings so
oppressed and dejected, especially when
going Home, as at the present time.
This last continually looking me
in the face. That I shall now loose
nearly all, what little money I have
for Years, of toil, and privation, accu
mulated; though dark as it appears
At present, I rejoice to think my con-
fidence in God remains unshaken,
And I do believe that these things
will work together for my Good.

Latitude & Longitude @ 12 past P. M. by the P. M. 36° 25' N. 62° 57' W.
Bearings and distance of Cape Cod
N. W. 470 miles. Variation of the com-
pass 12 point Westerly.
Saw two Sail of Merchantmen bound
E. Plenty of Gulf weed.
Stood half and half Watches, and Carried
Sail all night. Head Sea on —
Course Steering N. W. by W.

Friday the 5th of October

Weather some squalls with light baffling breezes from the N - E N.E
Saw an abundance of Gulf weed,
and some birds. The Antarctic about
two points forward of our lee beam
5 miles distant.
Lat. & Long. @ 3. Js. M. 37° 20' N. 15° 24' W.
Course steering N. W. & N. wind N. E. and
some squally. Variation of the Compass 6° W.
Bearings & Distance of Cape Cod N W 2/3 N.
360 miles Course and distance made
good the last 24 hours. W. N. W. 130. miles
At 4. Js. M. saw a sail to the leeward.
Find woolen clothes necessary, and com-
fortable. Latter fresh breezes from the E.

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Saturday the 18. October. 1851.

Quite comfortable weather the first part with fresh winds from the Eastward, saw one sail, beside the Mutatis. Lat. & Obs. @ noon 38° 5-0 N. In the afternoon took the craft out of the boats & stowed it away in the hold. Sent down the CROWNS masts - Long. @ I. A. M. 66° 46' W. @ One Oclock P. M. Steering NNW 7/8 W by Compass - In the cloudy could not get an Altitude. Lat. & Long. @ 3. O. clock P. M. 39° 08' N. 67° 04' W. Course & distance made good the past 24 hours W. W. & W. nearly 137 miles. Bearings and distance of do. W. W. 2/3 N. 220 miles.

According to my chart @ noon entered the Gulf Stream. Before midnight Heavy very fresh from E. S. E. reduced Sail accordingly. Thus ends this day.

Sunday the 17.

Commences blowing a heavy Gale from E.S.E. with very rough Sea, and accompanied with Squalls of wind & rain. At ½ past 2. O. Clock in the A.M. hove to under double reef'd Foresail and Trysail. At being the heaviest Gale we have experienced since we have been out. Towards daylight wind moderating and hauling to the S.S.W. Westerly with a tremendous Sea running. 6. O. Clock A.M. our Long. and Lat. by account was. 67° 37' W. 50° 48' N. about 45 miles S. of S.C. end of Georges Shoals. At ½ past 7. do Sounded & did not find bottom, though we had no good Sound, our vessel drifting so fast. At ½ past 7. wore ship, and made sail as the Gale decreased, steering N.W. ½ W. by Compass. At ½ past 9. do. Sun out took a sight, made our Lat. & Long.

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40°5' N. 67° 30' W. @ ½ past 10. do. All hands being wet and cold made some hot Rum Skrug and dealt out to each a long full -. Shook out most of the reefs and made sail - then being a fine breze from S.W. with clear weather though still very rough sea - To the Credit of our vessel be it said. She has behaved nobly this gale carrying her boats in all most perfect safety having damaged none but the waist boat, and that but slightly -

At 2. O-clock in the P.M. blowing and the Gale from S. W. and gradually howling to the W. blowing all most a hurricane under double reef Foresail & Mizzen sail. At noon and at 3. P.M. took good altitudes Lat. & Long. do. 40°48' N. 69°05' W. Seems rather hard as a few hours ago wind would run us home, sweet home. At 8. P.M. wind moderating, and 10. do. so that we were able to carry double reefs Topsails a/s. N.N.W. Runs this 24 hours -

At 2. P.M. had soundings, 40 fathoms

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Monday the 20. of October 1851.

Begins with Clear weather, and double reef breeze from the Westwards, we heading up from N. to N.N.W.
About noon wind moderated made all sail. Lat. by Obs. @ noon 42° 24' N.
tacked Ship and stood to the Southward.
Lat. & Long. @ 1/2 past 3. O-clock P. M.
42° 14' N. 69° 19' W. Bearings and distance of High Land Light of Cape Cod W by S. 1/2 S.
35 miles distant. wind further canting to the S.W. tacked and stood to the N.W.
Got up our chains and bent them to their respective anchors - About sun set saw two sail of vessels, and a spout, of a fin or hump back. At. 8. do. tacked to the S. @ 12. do tacked to the N.W.
it being very calm. The Aurora borealis showing beautifully.
Saw several sail in the course of the night

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Tuesday the 27 of October

Commences with beautiful weather and very light breeze from S.W. we standing to the W.N.W. @ 3 O clock in the A.M. Saw the High Land light on Cape Cod bearing W.by S. At 8 O clock High Land bore S.W. dist 6 miles, wind S light breeze Took Sight and found our Chronometer carrect. @ ½ past 10 O clock A.M. Spoke the Sch. George Osborn. Them Mackereling informed us of the best news we have heard since our departure Viz. that our friends were all well. At 11 do Spoke the packet Schooner Sarah Capt. Billy Cook. bound to Boston. @ 1 O-Clock P.M. Came to an anchor in Provincetown harbor after an absence of 5 months 3 weeks It being the most unfortunate voyage I ever made, Still we had an agreeable crew of Officers & men, And had we have seen whales doubtless we should caught a share —

J. W. Hersey

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